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# VIOLENCE AT HOME ON THE UP

DOMESTIC abuse is on the rise across the county, new police figures have shown.

Kent Police statistics show officers received more than 20,000 reports of abuse between April 2008 and March of this year – up 569 cases from the previous 12-month period.

More than 3,700 incidents, including threatening behaviour, violence and sexual assaults, took place in Medway. This equates to more than 10 attacks each day.

The rise in domestic abuse – and how best to counter it – will be dis-

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cussed at a police-led conference in Maidstone today (Wednesday).

Guest speaker Ann Widdecombe MP said she hoped the multi-partner event would make a difference.

“Domestic abuse can affect men, women and children but often it goes unaddressed,” she said.

“I hope this conference will highlight the dangers.”

Kent and Medway Domestic Violence Strategy Group chair Ch Supt Lee Catling added: “It is not acceptable for

anyone to live in fear of being abused.

“The conference enables agencies to discuss their roles to develop an effective response across Kent and Medway.”

During today’s event the 150-plus delegates will discuss the complex relationship between domestic abuse and drugs and alcohol misuse.

Ch Supt Catling said: “Misuse of drugs and alcohol are aggravating factors and can make the abuse more unpredictable and severe.

“The impact of domestic abuse and substance misuse on family life is dev-

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## QUESTIONS FOR BROWN ON VISIT

Prime Minister Gordon Brown listened to the problems and concerns of Medway community leaders during a whistle-stop tour of the county.

Mr Brown met with the 14-strong group at Medway Labour party leader Paul Godwin’s Walderslade home.

Each attendee was given the chance to put a question to the PM before he headed off to Maidstone for another meeting.

Earlier in the day he had visited Delphi Powertrain Systems in Gillingham.

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# Energy drinks 'could cause health issues'

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

ENERGY drink-swilling teenagers are placing their health in serious danger, according to a drug and alcohol worker.

The stark warning was made by KCA intervention officer Zara Rahemtulla, who has become increasingly concerned with the effects the caffeine-rich drinks are having on the towns' youngsters.

She said: "I noticed a sharp increase in discussion about the problems associated with caffeine drinks and pills amongst some of the young people that I work with."

"Despite a careful search, I couldn't find much information about their effects, so we have developed a detailed briefing for our staff and other professionals to provide accurate information and clarify the risks involved."

Dozens of teenagers who have downed energy drinks or caffeine pills – mainly consumed as an aid to study or revision – said they had suffered health problems.

One 18-year-old said: "An overdose of tablets gave me diarrhoea, heart palpitations and made me really shaky."

A 16-year-old added: "I used to drink vodka and energy drinks together all the time but one night I just collapsed on the street, my heart was beating so fast and I was raced to hospital, I thought I was going to die."

KCA's director of research Neil Hunt urged youngsters to watch how much caffeine they consume.

He said: "When used as recommended, one energy drink or tablet is not hazardous for anyone in good health.

"Caffeine doses of 200mg or higher



**CAUTION:** Energy drinks can have unpleasant side effects if used to excess

can cause unpleasant symptoms such as nausea or headaches. Other symptoms can include an abnormal heart beat, anxiety, panic, overheating and dehydration. In rare cases, consumption of large numbers of caffeine pills has been fatal.

"People may experience a 'come down' effect after consuming stimulant drinks or tablets as their energy levels will quickly deplete, leaving them tired and irritable.

"Also, caffeine can react with some prescribed medicines. If you are taking medicines, it is advisable to consult your doctor about the safety of using energy drinks or caffeine pills."

With UK sales of glucose and stimulant drinks valued at £522million and market growth of 12 per cent in the UK last year, it is clear that their use is now well-established. Much of the time, this use will be harmless.

KCA's advice is not to exceed recommendations on packs of energy tablets and to be aware that combining energy drinks and caffeine pills can lead to excess caffeine levels that can cause unpleasant symptoms.

If you are concerned about your own or anyone else's use of caffeine, other legal drugs (including alcohol) or illicit drugs, call KCA Young Person's team in Medway on 01634 338640.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

## Young entrepreneurs enter dragons' den

THE Dragons' Den comes to Chatham today, with young entrepreneurs pitching their ideas to a panel of community leaders.

The Young Dragons Business Enterprise Project involves students setting up and running a social enterprise, with the panel's favourite being awarded a trophy.

South East Regional Minister Jonathan Shaw is one of the 'dragons'.

Others include Ray Laws who runs the Medway Inventors Forum and Stuart Ashenden, director of academic studies at the University of Greenwich. The event takes place at Chatham's Dockside outlet today (Wednesday) from 1.45pm.

## Towns 'bucking jobs trend' in recession

MEDWAY is resisting the recession, according to business experts.

A conference last week heard that more than 2,100 jobs had been created in the area since April last year.

Medway Council's economic growth chief Jane Chitty said: "Medway is bucking the trend economically and retail is playing a major role."

"We are committed to helping retailers and shoppers during the recession and incentives, such as free parking on key Christmas shopping dates, are testimony to this."

## Question time with service providers

A ONE-off Question Time event will be held in Gillingham next month.

The session gives residents the chance to grill representatives from the police, Kent Fire and Rescue service, the NHS and Medway Council.

Council chief executive Neil Davies said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for the people of Medway to put their questions directly to the people running services on their behalf."

"Any questions we can't answer on the night will be responded to, where possible, within five working days."

The event is at New Brompton College, Marlborough Road at 7pm on Wednesday, December 9.

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# Gorgeous George draws Trekkies to pantomime

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

DEVOTED Star Trek fans have snapped up tickets to this year's Central Theatre panto, starring Mr Sulu actor George Takei.

The sci-fi legend, who earned the nickname Gorgeous George in his stint on reality series *I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!*, has proven a big draw with theatregoers.

Central Theatre bosses said tickets were selling fast and that online bookings had been made from as far afield as Japan.

George, who will take on the role of The Emperor of China in this year's production of *Aladdin*, signed up to the show on the advice of fellow *I'm A Celebrity...* star Joe Swash, who led last year's Chatham panto cast.

He said: 'I was back in England earlier this year and had dinner with Joe. He told me about the great experience he had and urged me to consider doing panto again.'

'Joe raved about the wonderful audiences and the fun he had with the other actors.'

'But I had no idea that fate would have me following right in his footsteps directly to The Central Theatre.'

'Now, I will learn for myself why Joe was so enthusiastic about the Chatham panto, and I'm really looking forward to visiting Medway.'

Playing the Emperor will be a royal treat compared to the horrors of the bush tucker trials in the jungle, and George will be watching this year's show in between rehearsals from the comfort of his dressing room.

George said he thoroughly enjoyed his time in the jungle.



WELCOME: Shaun Williamson and the rest of the panto cast will be waiting to greet George Takei, right

'The producers told me that no one 'of a certain age' had taken part in the show before, and that the month-long stay in the rain forest would be physically demanding,' he said.

'Could I rise to meet this test? The only way to know was to do it. So, I boldly went where no one of 'a certain age' had gone before, and I'm glad I did!'

George stars in *Aladdin* from Friday, December 11 to Sunday, January 3.

Tickets start at £12.50 for adults and £8.50 for children, with group offers and early booking discounts available.

For further information, call the box office on 01634 338338 or visit [www.medwaypanto.co.uk](http://www.medwaypanto.co.uk).



## Tackling rise in domestic violence

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astating, particularly for children.

'They are victims too, as they see and hear abuse or sense tension. It's a mistake to think that children are unaware of what is happening in their homes.'

Male victims of domestic abuse will also be represented at the conference.

Respect phoneline co-ordinator, Ippo Panteloudakis, said: 'Perpetrators and victims bring a wide range of issues and we need to find ways to meet their needs, prioritising safety and reducing risk.'

'The dialogue between drug and alcohol workers and domestic violence workers needs to be strengthened and this conference is an excellent opportunity to share good practice and learn from each other.'

Findings from a review of the British Crime Surveys revealed that 44 per cent of domestic violence offenders were under the influence of alcohol and 12 per cent affected by drugs when they committed acts of physical violence.

The National Domestic Violence helpline is 0808 2000247. The Men's Advice Line, specifically for men affected by domestic abuse, is 0808 801 0327.

## Dispersal zone aims to tackle anti-social groups in centre

A TOWN centre dispersal zone has been put in place, giving officers the powers to move on loud-mouthed loiterers.

The zone will be introduced in Chatham on Friday for a month.

Officers will then be able to move on groups of two or more people if they are likely to cause shoppers and residents to feel intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed.

Chatham Central's neighbourhood policing boss Inspector Noel Stanley said: 'We've been listening to residents who live in Chatham Central and issues of anti-social behaviour are their number one concern.'

'We are committed to taking action on reducing crime in Chatham and this dispersal zone will help that considerably.'

'I've been involved in dispersal zones in the past and they really do work. This initiative isn't just about moving people into another area, but it is about breaking up groups who are causing anti-social behaviour.'

'We are expecting reductions in



anti-social behaviour and criminal damage and this action sends a clear message that this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated.'

'We will move groups on if we believe that they have been causing, or are likely to cause, anti-social behaviour.'

'We can also ensure that they do not return for anything up to 24 hours.'

The dispersal zone is contained within the borders of City Way, High Street, Medway Street, Best Street, Chatham Hill, Rainham Road, Beacon Hill, Magpie Hall Road, The Ridgeway and Horsted Way.



HAZARDOUS: A police officer points out safety concerns on the tractor which was stopped

## Cracking down on scrap metal hauls

A DOZEN un-roadworthy vehicles were impounded during a day-long police crackdown on scrap metal offences.

The vehicles were stopped and checked at the Medway City Estate.

It comes after a recent spate of metal thefts across Medway and the rest of the county.

Of the 40-plus vehicles that were stopped, 12 were deemed to be un-roadworthy.

One was a tractor and trailer, carrying a full load of scrap metal. Both the tractor and trailer were taken off the road.

The driver of the tractor was summoned to court, as was the owner for allowing the tractor to be driven.

Two further motorists were fined £300 for carrying waste without a licence.

Sgt Emma Satherley said: 'We wanted to send out a clear message that Kent Police in Medway is taking the theft and disposal of stolen metal seriously.'

'There are people who carry large amounts of scrap metal without a licence and some of this could be stolen.'

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## Poppy appeal thanks shoppers for donations

GENEROUS shoppers at Hempstead Valley gave more than £12,000 to the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal in five days.

Veterans on the RBL stall handed out thousands of poppies and stickers last week and were overwhelmed with the response.

Cyril Firman, from Parkwood, who organised this year's collection, said: "Thanks go to Hempstead Valley, everyone that bought a poppy and all the helpers."

## Chef Rick Stein cooks the books at Bluewater

TV chef and presenter Rick Stein will step out of the kitchen later this month to sign copies of his latest cookbook at Bluewater.

Rick, famed for his seafood cooking, will launch Rick Stein's Far Eastern Odyssey at Waterstone's on Monday, November 30.

Waterstone's cookery buyer Melanie Grewal said: "We're thrilled to be welcoming Rick for his first book signing here."

## Four men arrested on Class-A drugs charge

FOUR Londoners have appeared in court charged with conspiracy to supply Class-A drugs in Medway.

Leon James, 33, of Palmers Green, Risti Mbu, 20, of Haringey, Michael Blackstock, 20, of Hornsey, and Djon Brown, 18, of Holborn, went before Medway Magistrates Court last Monday.

The men were arrested on Friday and Saturday in connection with allegedly selling heroin and crack cocaine across Medway from September of last year.

All men have been remanded in custody and will next appear at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday, November 23.

## Meet Father Christmas at charity's festive fair

CHILDREN can meet Santa Claus at the Cerebral Palsy Care' Christmas Fair.

The fun takes place at the charity's Cliffe Woods headquarters in View Road from 1pm-4pm on Saturday, November 28.

A meeting with Father Christmas costs £2.50. Entry to the fair is free.

For more information or to enquire about having a stall, call the fundraising team on 01634 220330.

# Ex-lover gets 18 years for knife attack

A SPURNED man has been jailed after stabbing his ex-girlfriend's new partner, leaving him just half an hour from death.

Jealous Peter Barton, 40, was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of 18 years after being found guilty of the attempted murder of Sam Cook.

He was handed an indeterminate sentence of 18 years at Canterbury Crown Court on Thursday and told he must serve a minimum of nine years behind bars.

A parole board will then decide whether Barton is still a risk to the public before he is eligible for release.

The judge labelled Barton as "obsessive and jealous" and said he had "carefully prepared and planned the attack on Mr Cook".

The court heard that Barton had previously been in a relationship with victim Sam Cook's

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

girlfriend between 2005 and January 2008.

When the relationship ended Barton threatened to injure or kill any new man she met.

He reiterated this threat in November of last year, when his ex-girlfriend began dating Mr Cook.

Barton carried out his promise the following month.

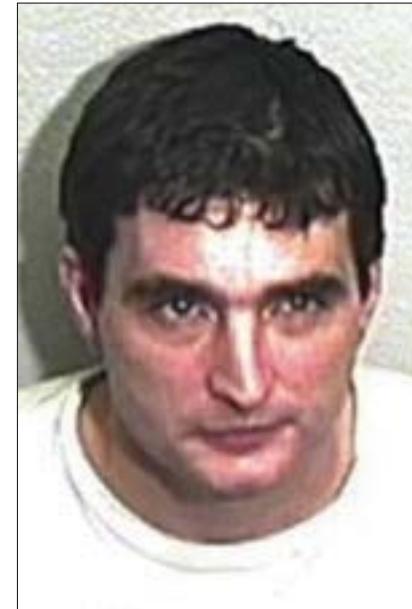
On Monday, December 8, Barton left his daughter's house stating he was going to the shops.

Unbeknown to his family, he left the house with a double quilt and a knife.

Barton drove to his ex-girlfriend's house in a relative's car, waited for Mr Cook to leave and then followed him.

After parking the car in Alamein Avenue, Chatham, Barton pursued Mr Cook on foot.

He then plunged his knife into the



JEALOUS: Peter Barton stabbed Mr Cook

20-year-old's back as he walked along Walderslade Road, Chatham.

Barton then stood over his victim – who was bleeding to death – and pretended to call the emergency services on his mobile phone.

Mr Cook managed to flag down a passing police patrol car and was raced to hospital where he underwent emergency surgery.

The knife had penetrated his spleen, which had to be removed, and caused blood to build up between his lungs and chest wall.

Investigating officer Det Insp Gavin Moss told the court: "Sam's injuries were life-threatening and it is likely he would have died had he been found just half an hour later."

"Barton has remained unremorseful throughout this trial and I am pleased the jury has delivered this verdict. A dangerous man has been removed from our community."

## Agreement gives go-ahead to riverside plan

WORK to build the first 600 homes on the Rochester Riverside regeneration site may begin next year.

The planned construction work comes after housebuilder Crest Nicholson, Medway Council and SEEDA signed a development agreement to press ahead with the multi-million pound scheme.

Contractors were due to start work two years ago but the plans were brought to a standstill by the recession and subsequent collapse of the housing market.

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers said the agreement bodes well for the future.

"This represents important progress for Rochester Riverside in the face of extremely

difficult economic circumstances," he said.

"In this economic climate, our agreement with Crest is a substantial achievement."

Crest managing director Debbie Aplin added: "The signing of this agreement facilitates the ongoing design work with an anticipated construction start on site in 2010."

"We look forward to delivering, with our partners, this highly sustainable and vibrant addition to Rochester."

Rochester Riverside has planning permission for up to 2,000 homes, a primary school, hotels, offices, shops, cafés, bars, two parks and the riverside walkway and cycle-path, which opened last year – the first public access for 100 years to a mile of waterfront.



EMPTY: The riverside site may soon be developed

For more information on Rochester Riverside and Medway's 20-year, £6 billion regeneration programme, visit [www.medwayrenaissance.com](http://www.medwayrenaissance.com).



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**INFORMAL MEETING:** Prime minister Gordon Brown with MP Jonathan Shaw and head teacher Diana Keating

# Prime minister offers support in local issues

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

PRIME Minister Gordon Brown met with community leaders during a whistle-stop tour of the county.

Mr Brown joined the 14-strong group at Medway Labour group leader Paul Godwin's Walderslade home at lunchtime, having earlier visited Delphi Diesel Systems in Gillingham.

After being introduced to the group – including teachers, sixth-form students and minority forum members – the PM fielded a number of their questions.

St John's CoE Infant School head Diana Keating asked Mr Brown if anything could be done to help save the school from closure, while All Saints Community project manager Linda Fiddym called for more regular and assured funding.

After the informal meeting Mr Brown faced five minutes with the media.

On the topic of rail fares, the Prime Minister said: "I think the most important thing to say is that prices are linked to inflation and the Retail Price Index has not been going up."

"Fares could be kept at a similar level next year based on the fact that inflation is very low."

"Interest is low for homeowners and I think people appreciate that."

On the chances of Labour retaining its three seats in Medway in the next General Election, Mr Brown said he was confident the electorate would back the party's representatives.

"We've got great MPs in Medway," he said.

"We've been working very hard to get through this difficult recession: protecting services and at the same time creating new job opportunities and better local services."

With regard to the plight of St John's and Ridge Meadow schools – both earmarked for



closure by the Tory-run council, Mr Brown added: "We're trying to do our best with the Every Child Matters funding going up."

"There has been no directive from central Government to close schools. The council should listen to parents."

That announcement was well received by St John's head Diana Keating.

She said: "I told Mr Brown about our school and that the council wants to close us down."

"He said he would look into our situation, which will definitely help our cause."

"Mr Brown said some lovely things about teachers, it's clear he's very interested in education."

All Saints boss Linda Fiddym also got to ask Mr Brown for assistance.

She said: "One of the major issues for us is funding. I told the Prime Minister about our work, the difficulty is raising the £100,000 we need each year and the need for long-term investment."

"Mr Brown said he would look into ways we can receive more funding at a local level."

Following the coffee meeting Mr Brown travelled to Maidstone.

He is believed to have been in a meeting with town centre manager Bill Moss and other representatives at the Town Hall to discuss the controversial Kent International Gateway.

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### Sisters' marathon efforts

TWO sisters have started a mammoth marathon fundraising mission with the goal of raising £2,800 for charity.

Jo and Denise Bunn plan to hold a bric-a-brac sale, quiz night, disco, raffle and numerous other events and activities between now and next year's London Marathon.

All proceeds will go to the Sense charity.

The sisters are running in memory of their friend Donna Newton, who died in a scuba diving accident in October. Donna had planned to run to raise money for Sense, but the two sisters will now run in her place.

Jo, who works as the All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre in Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, said: "We felt very strongly that we wanted to continue Donna's fundraising efforts."

The bric-a-brac sale is at Chatham Bowls Club in Palmerston Road from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, November 21.

### Camels join festive parade

CAMELS will take the place of Santa's reindeer in the Pentagon shopping centre's traditional Christmas parade next weekend.

The desert-dwelling animals will be joined by two of the stars of the Central Theatre's pantomime production of Aladdin – Cbeebies' Phil Gallagher and Claire Huckle.

The parade starts at the Church Street end of the High Street at 11am on Saturday, November 28, and finishes at the Christmas grotto in the Pentagon.

Entry to the grotto costs £1, and all proceeds will be donated to Hands, a Rochester-based charity.

### A very special constable

DEDICATED Jamie Gray has picked up the title of special constable of the year.

He was given the award after completing 860 duty hours in the past year, in which he made 27 arrests.

A total of eight Medway special constables were recognised for their hard work earlier this month.

Special constabulary co-ordinator PC Wendy Knight said: "We as a police service are really thankful to the special constables who give up so much of their spare time to assist Kent police in Medway."

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# Will the French ever pay for Stack upset?

■ BY MARIJKE COX

PEOPLE and businesses that lose money because of Operation Stack could have a case for compensation against the French government.

That's the view of Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter who told delegates – including ministers and industry insiders – at a meeting on Tuesday that legal advice had been sought over the impact of French strikes on Kent and its economy.

The meeting at the House of Lords was part of a traffic campaign started by KCC to deal with problems on the county's roads.

During Stack the M20 is turned into a giant lorry park, causing hold-ups and traffic chaos in the area, with huge financial losses for business. Stack is mainly implemented due to French industrial action that blocks the ports, stopping lorries using cross-Channel ferries.

## Blockading

Cllr Carter said: "The misery caused to tens and thousands of people affected by the strikes and the impact on businesses and travel plans should not be underestimated. The closure of Calais harms our economy."

It is estimated by the Federation of Small Businesses that blockades at Calais and the subsequent stoppage of crossings costs the UK haulage industry £1 million a day.

And with delays on deliveries and traffic problems caused by Operation Stack a further £500,000 is lost daily.

Cllr Carter said the French authorities could be in breach of EU rules governing the free movement of people and goods when they fail to take action against illegal strikers blockad-



STACKED UP: Operation Stack turns the M20 into a huge car park and has had an adverse effect on the Kent economy

ing French ports. This might mean businesses and residents affected by strikes could receive compensation for losses.

Cllr Carter said: "With the French authorities failing to take action against illegal strike action in Calais they are in breach of Article 28 of the European Commission Treaty. This means they could be liable for damages caused to people who are affected by the blockades. I have written to Lord Mandelson about it. Our Government needs to take this matter to the French Government. It's up to the Government to sort this problem out."

Business secretary Lord Mandelson has agreed to pursue the issue. Cllr Carter also called for a long-term answer to Stack.

"It is essential to find a solution, but we need to find the means to fund it," he said. "Charges should be imposed on foreign lorry drivers using UK roads, which would pay for infrastructure and a long-term plan to deal with Operation Stack."

"Thousands could be raised through this. Foreign lorry drivers already have an advantage over UK hauliers by filling up with cheap-

er fuel before coming to Britain."

As part of KCC's traffic campaign, a formal complaint has been made to the European Commission to highlight the effect of strike action on the county.

Further concerns were raised about the planned expansion of Calais port.

In 2007, about four million lorries passed through Kent via the Port of Dover and this figure is expected to rise by two-thirds over the next 30 years. This could mean even more HGVs parked on the M20 in the event of strikes. But Cllr Paul Watkins, leader of Dover District Council, said his authority was backing the Calais port plans.

"It is crucial for the economy of the UK and Europe that both the ports are able to gear-up to accommodate future growth," he said.

"In the face of an ever-expanding international market, if one is to grow, the other needs to keep pace if balance is to be maintained."

KCC is also pushing for a third Thames crossing to improve connections with the rest of the UK, and greater use of Kent International Airport at Manston in Thanet.



FIND: The straw belle moth is an endangered species

## Rare moth the belle of the fall

A RARE moth has been discovered in the county.

The straw belle moth is already on the endangered list, so the discovery made at the National Trust beauty spot of Wrotham Water Farm is of global importance.

The Farm, near Trottiscliffe, has also revealed itself to be the home of other rare species, according to a new report.

Inspections by the Butterfly Conservation Trust revealed the presence of several species of rare orchids, bumble bees and butterflies.

The straw belle moth has been designated a priority species for conservation, meaning extra care must be taken in preserving its habitat to ensure its continued survival.

The area was used to grow wheat and barley, but in 1990 the fields of Wrotham Water Farm were 'returned to nature'.

Under the guidance of the Natural England's Countryside Stewardship Scheme, the National Trust was able to restore the chalk grassland by planting a rare grass seed mix and introducing a grazing regime to help the moth and other endangered wildlife thrive.

## County Hall £200m budget shortfall to lead to 600-700 job losses

HUNDREDS of jobs will be lost over the next three years as Kent County Council struggles against a predicted £200 million funding shortfall.

Finance chiefs at County Hall are readying themselves for drastic reductions in the amount of money they receive from the Government, regardless of who wins the next general election.

About £42m of savings have already been identified from next year's budget, but a further £10m still needs to be cut – and between 600-700 posts will be axed.

KCC employs more than 40,000 staff.

However, the authority says it is confident the shortfall will not affect frontline services and the majority of jobs lost will be through natural wastage and non-replacement of staff who leave.

Any council tax increases should also be kept to a minimum and will most likely be below last year's rise of 2.4 per cent.

Cabinet member for finance, Cllr John Simmonds, said: "What's important is we haven't been idle and we've already saved £110m over the last three years because we always knew the gravy train was going to halt."

"It would have been foolish not to plan ahead

and we would be a terribly irresponsible authority if we said we will worry about it next year."

"The headline news looks alarming, but life isn't going to grind to a halt. By having foresight we can minimise the effects, and although it looks frightening on the face of it, we have the time to look at alternative ways of doing things."

KCC officers have been instructed to come up with cost-cutting proposals over the next few weeks, including a review of frontline services to see how funds can be spent more efficiently.

This is likely to result in a major staff reorganisation and a possible sharing of office

accommodation with other public sector partners like the NHS.

Cllr Simmonds said existing initiatives were already saving the authority cash, such as a permit scheme that prohibits utilities companies from digging up and subsequently damaging the roads without a licence.

He added: "The review of the front-line services is not for us to see what we can get rid of, but rather what we can use more efficiently."

KCC has an annual budget of £1.5 billion, but economists predict a 40 per cent cut in government support over the next three years.

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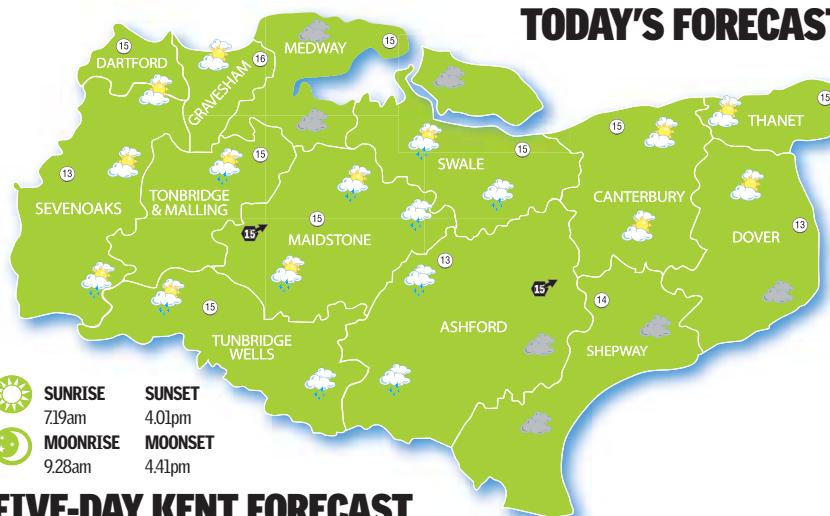
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	Sunday	3:55pm	5.4m
<b>Dover</b>	Saturday	1:28pm	6.0m
	Sunday	2:07pm	5.8m
<b>Dungeness</b>	Saturday	1:26pm	7.0m
	Sunday	2:03pm	6.7m
<b>Ramsgate</b>	Saturday	1:58pm	4.6m
	Sunday	2:37pm	4.4m
<b>Sheerness</b>	Saturday	3:06pm	5.4m
	Sunday	3:45pm	5.2m
<b>Whitstable</b>	Saturday	3:15pm	4.9m
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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Ex-soldier starts business with landmark 1K grant

A FORMER army sapper has become the first Medway resident to be awarded a £1,000 business start-up grant.

Peter Hegarty, from Gillingham, has pumped the cash into his fledgling company, T & M Property Maintenance.

The 38-year-old said: "This business start-up grant will really help me get my business off the ground as it will help me afford the costs associated with setting up, such as marketing and administration as well as other expenses."

"Giving local people the help they need to start a new business is a really good thing to do during this difficult economic climate."



**BUSINESS:** Peter and his wife and partner Maxine

Medway Council's economic growth chief Jane Chitty said: "These grants will give people a real opportunity to realise their dreams and unlock their ambition."

"I am pleased that Mr Hegarty has been awarded his grant and wish him every success."

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# Charity calls for adopters to think about benefits of taking on siblings

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A LEADING children's charity is urging people in Kent to consider adopting siblings as the number of youngsters in care soars to more than 60,000 nationwide.

Adoption experts at Action for Children said too many vulnerable brothers and sisters are being split up in the county as adopters opt to take just one child.

Carol Buckley, service manager at the charity's south east project, said there is now more than ever a desperate need to find loving homes and for vulnerable siblings to stay together.

Her message comes as National Adoption Week draws to a close and the nationwide figure of children in care reaches 60,900.

About 4,000 of those are waiting to be adopted. Ms Buckley said: "With such a high number of children entering care, the need for adopters is at an all-time high.

"To many, the idea of adopting more than one child can feel overwhelming.

"However, from our own work we know that with the right support, families adopting siblings can flourish. When siblings enter care together and all other family ties have been broken, it's so important that, where possible, we keep them together.

"To do this we desperately need adopters to consider if they think they could take on more than one child."

A lesbian couple who decided to take on two young brothers said it was the best thing they ever did and urged others to consider it.

## Important

Ali and Kate, from Erith, who are both experienced teachers, adopted the boys, now nine and 11, six years ago.

Ali said: "Kate already had children from a previous marriage, but I really felt the need to have children of my own.

"The whole adoption process is long and quite intrusive, but I wouldn't want that to put anyone off.

"We came up against some barriers due to the fact we're a gay couple, which came as quite a shock, but in the end we took on two boys and they settled really quickly. It's been an amazing journey for all of us."

Ali said keeping the boys together was very important: "We found out they were originally going to be split up so they would be adopted immediately," she said.

"It was so much better for them to stay



**UNDERSTANDING:** Toby Anstis was adopted with his twin sister

## ADOPTION IN KENT

- On average 100 children are adopted in Kent each year.
- In 2008, KCC placed 90 per cent of children with a plan for adoption within 12 months of the placement order being given by the court.
- In Kent, 1,350 children who have been adopted since 1992, a third of these receive an ongoing service from KCC's adoption support and special guardianship team.
- There are more than 800 contact arrangements with birth parents and their children who have been placed for adoption. KCC promotes working in partnership with birth parents and new adoptive families to encourage contact.
- On average, 60 new adopters are assessed and approved each year. Assessment takes eight months and is extremely rigorous. Prospective adopters need to have demonstrated they have dealt with their own life issues before they can be considered.

together. One of the boys was slightly chaotic when he came to us and splitting them up would have made it worse.

"They still have memories of their mother which they talk about and they really need that."

Heart FM DJ Toby Anstis, can relate to Ali's story having been adopted with his twin sister as a child.

"I can't imagine life without my sister Kate," he said.

## Difference

"We've had such a close bond since birth. Fortunately we were kept together when we were adopted. It's a special bond and understanding that has helped us come to terms with being adopted. It's so important that siblings are kept together."

Cllr Sarah Hohler, Kent County Council's cabinet member for children, families and education, said the team at KCC are on hand to talk people through the process of adoption.

"It is difficult to put into words the difference adoptive parents can make to the lives of children and young people," she said. "Similarly, those who adopt find having a family to be an enriching experience."

Call the KCC adoption team on 0845 330 2968 or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/adoption](http://www.kent.gov.uk/adoption).



**BROTHERLY LOVE:** There is a desperate need for loving, adoptive parents who can keep brothers and sisters together

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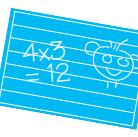
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**Pharmacy trainee of the year thanks 'supportive' tutors**

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The ex-Medway School of Pharmacy student beat off rivals from across the country to claim the title, given to the employee who has shown the most dedication during the year-long training.



Anthony, who lives in Sittingbourne and spent his pre-reg year at Tesco's Sheerness branch, said his tutors had played a huge part in his success.

"They were simply the most supportive people I have ever worked with. I think of the students and staff at Medway as a big family – everyone banded together to make the School a success," he said.

"The help, guidance and personal support I received during my degree laid the foundations for my career."

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# Fashion show rounds off a celebration of black history

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

A FASHION and live music/show helped bring Medway's Black History Month celebrations to a close.

The day-long programme, held at MidKent College's state-of-the-art Gillingham campus, also featured a range of talks and workshops.

Guest speakers included the Mayor of Medway, Cllr David Royale, Paul Reid of the Black Cultural Archives and teenager Sabirul Islam, who at 19, has already launched his own successful website development company, worked as a London stockbroker and published two books on entrepreneurship.

The college's human resources director Andrea Ashman said: "The celebratory event was the last of a range of activities that took place in Medway throughout October.

"Other activities included the Karva Chauth Festival for Indian Arts, Diwali, and a large selection of seminars and workshops.

"Black History Month has been celebrated in Britain for more than 20 years. It provides us with an important opportunity to highlight and celebrate the achievements and contributions of black people and black communities, as well as to understand the histories that shape them."

The celebratory event also marked the first birthday of Nubia magazine, a publication for Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities living in and around the Medway area. Launched during last year's Black History Month celebrations, the magazine aims to



inspire BME communities by celebrating their successes and achievements, and promoting community cohesion.

The magazine's founder Angela Asieba said: "Our aim this evening has been to engage, inspire and entertain by celebrating Black history and creating a forum for learning about and appreciating difference."

Former Medway schoolgirl Ebonie G brought proceedings to a close.

The ex-Rainham School for Girls pupil, who has recently completed a degree in Popular Music at the University of Southampton, said: "I'm extremely proud to have been invited to perform at this event."

"These celebrations are about inspiring more young people to achieve their dreams and be proud of who they are, whatever their ethnic origin."



**CELEBRATION:** Models showed off the work of BME designers and right, local singer Ebonie G entertained



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## An instant end to crime while freeing up our motorways...

**CRIME** rates across Kent are on the decline, new police figures have reportedly shown.

This is undoubtedly good news and a step in the right direction. But while progress is slowly being made, I feel there is a pressing need to eliminate all criminal acts now.

This could be achieved instantaneously by locking up the UK's street-dwelling hoodies, savage granny robbers and other delinquents before they commit their heinous crimes.

This idea was introduced by author Philip K Dick in his 2002 collection of short stories Minority Report, later made into a sci-fi thriller, starring Tom Cruise.

The basic premise is that would-be criminals are identified, arrested and incarcerated before they actually strike, which comes as somewhat of a relief to the would-be victims.

Sadly, neither novel nor film are readily implementable: the film, for example, is set in the year 2054, in which three mutated

humans with precognition powers, known as 'precogs', lead the arrests.

What we need here in the relative Dark Ages of 2009 is a more low-tech equivalent.

Luckily for mankind, I have it.

All we need to do to eliminate all crime is to build a driving simulator, in which the 'motorists' are charged with the simple task of driving their 'car' along the motorway.

And anyone who chooses to limp along in the middle lane when not overtaking a slower-moving vehicle is taken immediately from the simulator and thrown in jail. Forever.

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The test would only take two minutes.

"OK Mr Smith, sit yourself down and when you're ready take the next left, a slip road on

to the motorway," the examiner would say.

"Rightio," thinks Mr Smith, "I'll just pull out. What a stroke of luck, there doesn't seem to be a single other car on the motorway.

"I think I'll take up the middle lane, thereby forcing anyone behind me to swerve across three lanes to overtake me and then again once they go past me.

"That makes perfect sense to me and doesn't affect any other road users."

At which point the examiner administers a swift baton blow to the back of Mr Smith's head and drags him off to the cells.

The beauty of the system is that everyone's a winner; residents get to live their lives safe in the knowledge that anyone who has interests on their belongings, plunging a knife into their chest or otherwise is locked up, the police force are free to pursue other interests and, more importantly, the motorways are free from thousands of dribbling, barely-conscious, selfish middle-lane driving idiots.

On top of all that, it might make a good film. Someone give Tom Cruise a call.

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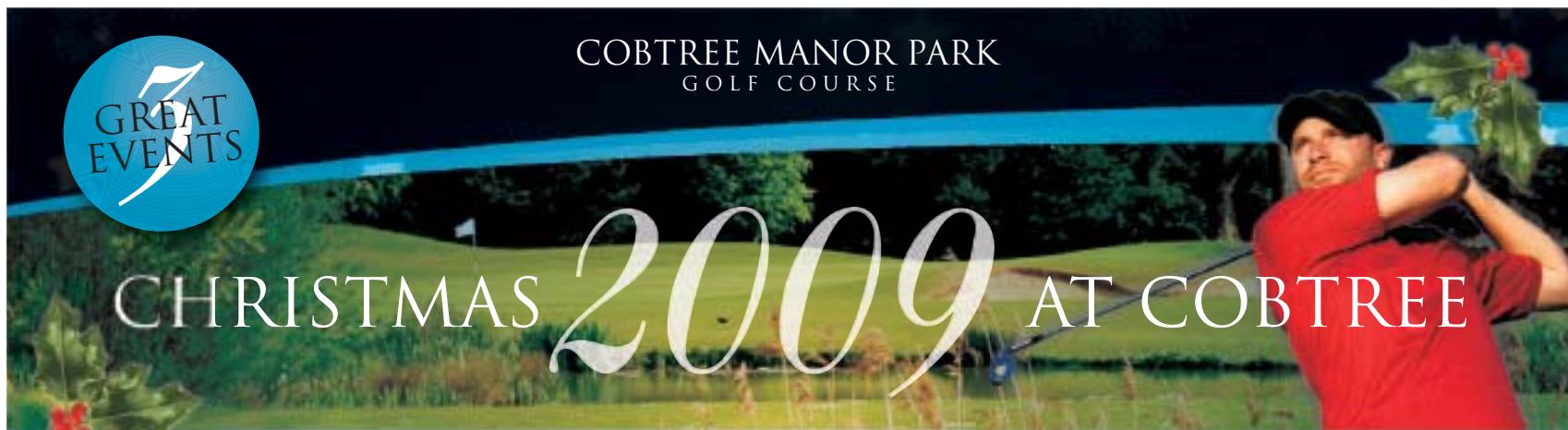
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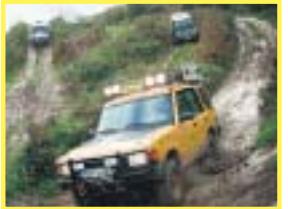
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## TALK TIME

### PAUL PEACOCK

The Kent County Playing Fields Association secretary talks about the charity's work to provide and improve recreational facilities across the county.



#### Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I became secretary of KCPFA in November 2008. I enjoy all sports, particularly football and golf and am a life member of The Ridge Golf Club.

#### Tell us about the work the KCPFA does?

The KCPFA has been working with communities throughout Kent since 1926, when the charity was founded by the late Lord Cornwallis.

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We also have four memorial funds that provide assistance to young sportsmen and women.

#### What would you like to see the association achieve in the future?

We have and continue to 'help those who help themselves' but for too long have not shouted loud enough about who we are and what we do. I intend to raise the profile of the charity and in turn its membership and increase the turnover of funds so that more and more talented individuals, sports clubs and communities benefit.

• To find out more see [www.kentpfa.org.uk](http://www.kentpfa.org.uk), email us at [kcpfa@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kcpfa@hotmail.co.uk) or write to The KCPFA, Cantium Lodge, Terrace Road, Maidstone ME16 8HU.

## YOUR LETTERS



### Haven't we learned from our history?

When Parliament debated the abolition of slavery in the 1830s there were those who argued that abolition would harm the economy, reducing profits and losing jobs.

The same arguments were used by some politicians in the 1850s, when we forced China to accept the opium trade (and effectively stole Hong Kong and other territories in reparations for China having sought to protect its citizens from the harm caused by the drug).

You would think humanity would have moved on from using the excuse that the creation of jobs was sufficient justification for causing appalling human misery, suffering and death, but not so.

Today many of the politicians including Tory Mayor Boris Johnson are using the same arguments to defend staggeringly callous and immoral behaviour. Despite the hard scientific evidence that climate change is already killing around 300,000 people per annum and, if

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unstoppable, will result in the loss of hundreds of millions of lives, we still hear calls from certain politicians to expand aviation and other polluting activities.

It is simply unacceptable that people tolerate the barbarism, for

that is what calls to create an airport in the Thames Estuary (and other polluting activities) represent.

The science is now so clear that everyone must demand that all politicians act to reduce greenhouse

gas emissions. And, if we don't want to kill our own offspring, we are not talking about mere tinkering – we need cuts of around 95 per cent from advanced economies like the UK by 2050.

We all have a responsibility to challenge those politicians in power who seek to expand polluting activities and must ask them, in a totally candid way, to justify the utter misery and mass loss of life they are willing to accept.

Geoff Juby, Liberal Democrat Parliamentary Candidate for Rochester & Strood, by email

## Reasons for school closure are flawed

I am writing with my concerns in regards to the proposed closure of St John's Infant School.

I have one child at present at St John's and he is in year one. Before he started school he went to a large pre-school and after being there a year he hadn't made any progress with his speech and was not interacting with other children. When my son started at St John's he hardly spoke, couldn't write or read simple words, wouldn't mix with other children and tended to play alone.

He has had help from the special needs teacher and is now doing better than I ever expected him to in just over a year: he speaks fluently, mixes with other children, is reading books and so on. St John's received an outstanding grade for their Special Education Needs in the latest Ofsted report. I feel the fact it is a small school helps the children with special needs better than larger schools, as they have only one class per year.

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and it is easier for teachers to give the children the extra help they need.

St John's is an outstanding school and my son has thrived there. If St John's closes in August I feel that it will set my son back and I don't want this to happen, the school has worked hard with my son and I can't see how he will do as well in a larger school just because their SEN budget will increase due to the closure of our school.

I am disgusted that the council are using SEN in the statutory notice as a reason for closure as this was never brought up throughout the consultation period or after. I also have three other children, two go to Balfour Junior School and the other is one year old. If St John's closes in August how does the council expect me to be in two places at once? Do the education bosses expect me to move my other children as well? Or is it acceptable for me to be late picking up children? The council are making parents disrupt not just the St John's children's lives but

other children as well. The statutory notice states that because of the close proximity of alternative schools, they expect the majority of children to still be able to walk to school. This is rubbish. I have phoned neighbouring schools and they have no places. The council uses surplus places as another excuse. Yes there may be high surplus places in other schools in Medway but not in the schools neighbouring St John's – they are all full. They want to close St John's to fill spaces in other schools that are at least 1.8 to two miles from the school and that is how far the majority of the parents and children will have to travel. St John's doesn't have the surplus places that cabinet say they have, our surplus places have dropped and we still have parents looking at the school.

These are my objections and I hope this time things are looked at properly as I believe the reason for shutting St John's is a sham and the proposal flawed.

**Sonja Fensome, by email**



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FROM the boat that rocked to meeting royalty, Johnnie Walker has become a national treasure.

One of the country's best known and most loved radio voices, Walker has always been a champion of music above all else. Spend an evening with Walker and discover how this frank, honest and funny

man became one of Britain's most enduring and popular broadcasters.

In the 60s Walker became the voice of a generation when he broadcast from the pirate ship, Radio Caroline, creating a night-time show that was essential listening for music fans everywhere. He attracted 86 per cent of the night-time radio

audience and had a Europe-wide listenership of 20 million on the night of August 14, 1967, when Radio Caroline continued to broadcast even though Government legislation had taken all other pirate stations off the airwaves.

A move to BBC Radio 1 followed in 1969 and over the next seven years, Walker compounded his reputation as a DJ who valued the records he played far more than the sound of his own voice. His lunchtime show was a launch pad for new artists such as Steve Harley, Lou Reed, Fleetwood

Mac, The Eagles and Steely Dan, but Walker spoke frankly about those acts of which he was not a fan. Describing the Bay City Rollers as 'musical garbage' was one incident which, along with his determination to play album tracks as well as chart hits, led to conflict with his employers.

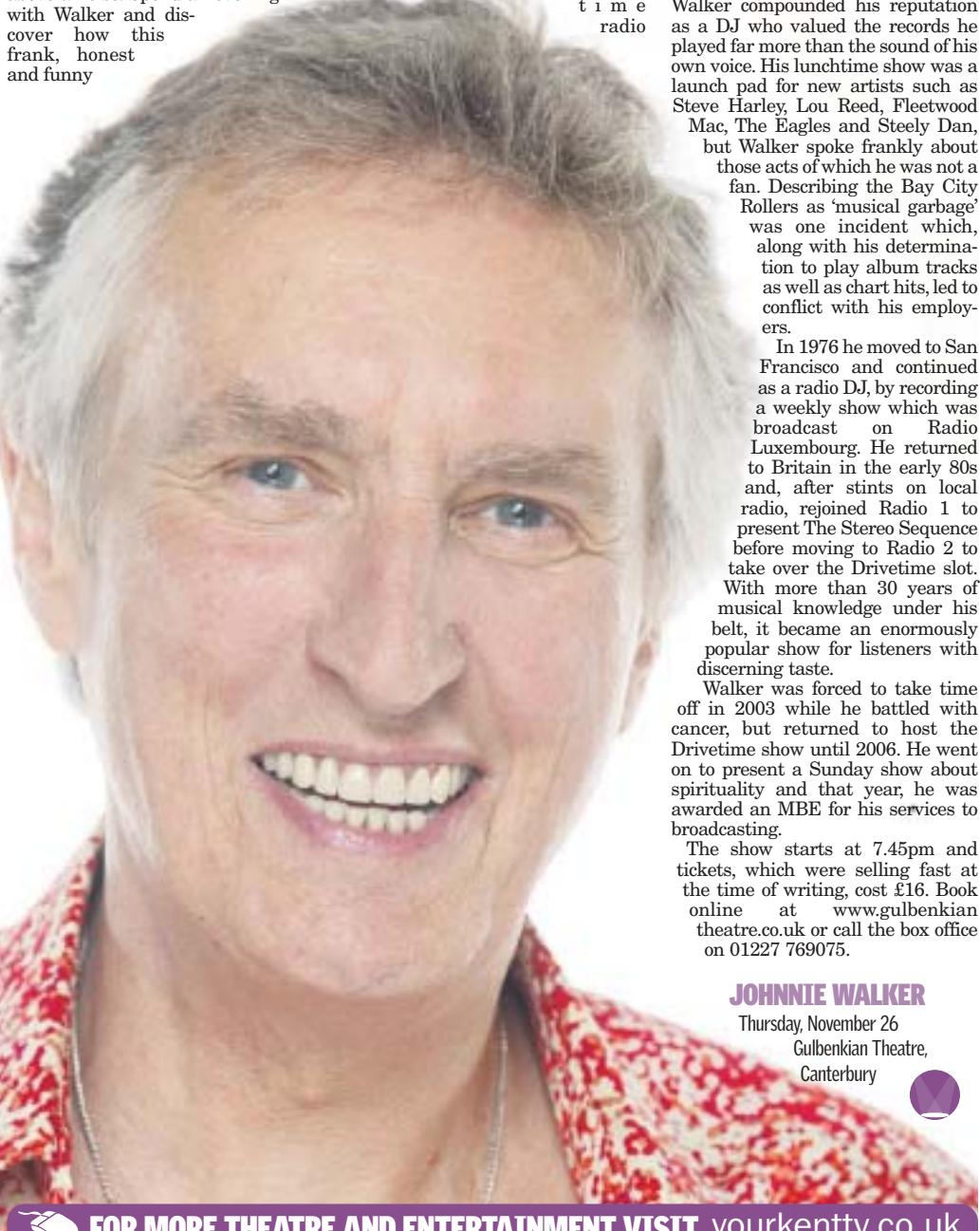
In 1976 he moved to San Francisco and continued as a radio DJ, by recording a weekly show which was broadcast on Radio Luxembourg. He returned to Britain in the early 80s and, after stints on local radio, rejoined Radio 1 to present The Stereo Sequence before moving to Radio 2 to take over the Drivetime slot. With more than 30 years of musical knowledge under his belt, it became an enormously popular show for listeners with discerning taste.

Walker was forced to take time off in 2003 while he battled with cancer, but returned to host the Drivetime show until 2006. He went on to present a Sunday show about spirituality and that year, he was awarded an MBE for his services to broadcasting.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets, which were selling fast at the time of writing, cost £16. Book online at [www.gulbenkian-theatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkian-theatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01227 769075.

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## ROPEMAKERS

Wednesday, November 18  
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UNRAVEL the hidden lives of workers at Chatham Dockyard in the award-winning documentary, Ropemakers.

Written, edited, produced and directed by Prue Waller, the film brings the history of Chatham's fascinating landmark to life. With the voices and stories of local people, Waller has pieced together a vivid account of life and work at the dockyard. Central to many people's lives, the experience of working there is vividly recalled in Ropemakers, which was named Best UK Documentary at the 2007 Swansea Film Festival.

As well as exploring the work and lives of the rope makers, Waller also reveals

TRADITIONAL music from equatorial villages gets an urban twist with the sound of Kasai Masai.

A Medway audience can experience the vibrant sound of this captivating London-based band as part of the



## ABBA FOREVER

Monday, November 23 to  
Wednesday, November 25  
Orchard Theatre, Dartford

TAKE a chance on Abba Forever and become a dancing queen when the top tribute band visits Dartford.

The Swedish supergroup's music has always been hugely popular, but demand for live renditions has soared since the release of Hollywood film, Mamma Mia! As a reunion of the original band is unlikely, Abba Forever is the next best option for fans to enjoy a spectacular live performance of their favourite hits.

The Live in Concert at Christmas show is the perfect way to get the party season started, with live vocals and music that are renowned for sounding uncannily like the original. Abba Forever's approach keeps classic hits like



more about the wider organisation and social structure of the dockyard. She also sheds light on a bustling town where people could be working in various 'secret' areas and be completely unaware of each other's work.

The film will be screened in

the Wardroom in Pembroke Building at 7pm, as the final public Pembroke Lecture. Admission is free but tickets must be booked in advance – a maximum of four per booking – by calling 01634 883154 or emailing [pembrokelectures@gre.ac.uk](mailto:pembrokelectures@gre.ac.uk).

## KASAI MASAI

Saturday, November 21  
St Matthew's Church, Wigmore

St Matthew's Community Concert Programme. The five members all hail from different regions of Africa and, led by Voodoo King Nickens Nkoso, they blend a variety of cultures with common tradi-

tional rhythms to create a spectacular sound. Each member performed with leading African ensembles before moving to London in the mid-90s, a transition which made its own contribution to the band's music.

The band's name comes from Kasai, which is named after a river and lies in the heart of the rainforest, and the dignified tribe of the Masai, who still live a nomadic lifestyle.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and admission costs £7. Tickets can be booked by calling the box office on 01634 372508, by emailing [mattsconcerts@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mattsconcerts@hotmail.co.uk) or by writing to 42 The Goldings, Rainham ME8 0AX. Entry is free for young people and students but seats must be pre-booked.



Waterloo, Dancing Queen and Take a Chance on Me fresh and exciting, earning them standing ovations in Abba's native Sweden.

After eight years together, they have toured Sweden five times and each member has developed the sound,

style and mannerisms of their Abba counterpart.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18, concessions and group rates available. Book online at [www.orchardtheatre.co.uk](http://www.orchardtheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01322 220000.

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### Xmas lights switch on will be a pantomime

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Cbeebies' Mister Maker, otherwise known as Gillingham-Born actor Phil Gallagher, joins his co-star Paul Burling and the Mayor and Mayoress of Medway to flick the switch at 5pm on Thursday. Book Aladdin tickets on 01634 338338 or at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebookings](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebookings).

### Top violinist to perform for 40th anniversary

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# Funk quartet set to light up stage at jazz event

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

JAZZ supremo James Taylor is somewhat of a musical cyborg – part man, part Hammond organ.

It's difficult to know where the Rochester-born pianist stops and where the organ begins.

What I do know is that James and his three bandmates, who adopted the Ronseal-style fitting band name of the James Taylor Quartet – doing exactly what it says on the tin – have been wowing audiences for 15 years.

If top-notch musicianship, instrumental funk and mind-boggling solos are your thing, the band's pre-Christmas gig at The Farmhouse in Canterbury is definitely for you.

Farmhouse promoter Matt Gough said he was delighted to have the JTQ on the bill.

"There aren't many bands from Rochester that are renowned the world over for their scintillating live performances, but the JTQ are most definitely it."

From first single Blow Up right through to current releases, the band have been at the forefront of the live jazz circuit, recording for Acid Jazz in the 90s, and returning to their Hammond-led funk at the start of this decade.

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Between now and then, the Canterbury venue will stage four other live music nights, starting with Radio 1 DJ and chart-topping



**JAZZ MAN:** James Taylor, above, brings his quartet to The Farmhouse, where Kid Harpoon, right, will also play producer Toddla T on Friday, November 27.

The following night Joe Lally – bassist in hardcore outfit Fugazi – will perform a number of stripped-down folk protest songs.

December sees a three-night Medway takeover, kicking off with superstar in the making Kid Harpoon's solo set on Thursday 3.

The Kid – whose passport bears the name of Tom Hull – is finally coming good, with new album Once providing the ideal stocking-filler.

Thee Waltons are next up the following night, before the JTQ take over on Saturday 5.

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SHOP for gifts in an atmospheric setting as the Hop Farm hosts a traditional Christmas market.

The attraction in Paddock Wood is running the market village, which is free to enter, until Christmas Eve. Complete with a 65ft Christmas tree, the market will give shoppers the chance to browse stalls offering everything from toys to gift-vouchers.

The Hop Farm's ice-rink is also now open every day until Christmas Eve. Visit [www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk).

**You'll be so cross if you miss these celebrations**

START the festive season in style as Westwood Cross near Broadstairs launches its Christmas celebrations.

On Saturday the shopping centre will host lots of family entertainment, including dancing displays, songs from Christmas shows and games on the main stage near the sundial from 2.30pm.

The Christmas Market will be open for business from Monday. Find out more online at [www.westwoodx.co.uk](http://www.westwoodx.co.uk), or phone 01843 867273.

**Little Britain star kicks up a stink at Bluewater**

LITTLE Britain star David Walliams will be paying a visit to Bluewater for two special reasons on Friday.

The comedian, actor and author will sign copies of his new children's book, Mr Stink, at Waterstone's from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. He will then make his way to Bluewater's Winter Wonderland to switch on the Christmas lights.

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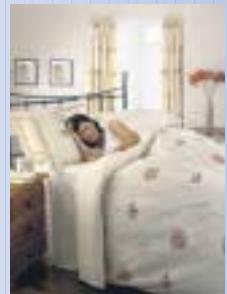
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**UP (U)**



The latest masterpiece from Pixar is an airborne adventure in the company of a cranky old man and an excitable young boy. The opening 10 minutes are among the finest Pixar has ever crafted.

# Sir Michael goes back to his council-estate roots

■ BY KATE WHITING

PERHAPS it's due to his advancing years, or because he still thinks of himself as an inner-city boy with nothing to lose, but either way Sir Michael Caine is happy to be utterly candid.

Talking about everything from his pet-hates, UK taxes and box-office flops to all those remakes of his classic films, the 76-year-old actor Sir Michael is as open as they come.

But it is his childhood which is the focus of public interest as fans await the release of his latest film, *Harry Brown*.

Set on a council estate in south London's Elephant & Castle, not far from where he grew up, Michael plays the eponymous hero – a widowed pensioner living in a concrete high-rise who fights back when his only friend is murdered by a local gang.

“The film is a sort of wake-up call to people. I know what it's like because I come from there, but for people who don't know about it, we have now got into this circle of drugs and violence and killing. And if you don't do something about it, it's coming to a street near you.”

Sir Michael was born to a cook and a fish-market porter and lived in a prefab council house, some 500 yards from the block of flats where he filmed *Harry Brown*.

“In that estate you see in the film, there's a plaque on the wall with me on it, a sort of dedication to me.”

Any other actor might have been concerned about filming night-shoots in such a rough location, but Sir Michael felt very much at home among the locals.

“I had an incredible experience there. I worked there for weeks at night and I met all these guys and I became fascinated by them.



**CANDID:** Michael Caine is happy to shoot from the hip

“And I got a sense that we had let these guys down. It's all right to say ‘These scumbags, they're knifing, shooting, killing, selling drugs’, but they have no sense of direction.

“If you're a young man and you grow up in that atmosphere, you have to join a gang,

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otherwise you're dead, or smashed to pieces if you walk around on your own.”

Back in the 1940s, when Michael was a teenager, things were very different.

“There was violence, but not the kind you see today. Our drugs were alcohol and our weapons were boots and fists.

“I had a very tough father and a very tough brother and if anybody ever came to our house, they never came again,” he adds, with a smile.

For all the hardship of his early years, Sir Michael remembers having two forms of escape, which helped to shape his future.

“One of them was the library – I'm still to this day an incessant reader – and the other was the cinema. If I liked a movie, I would go every day and see the same movie. You could just sit there all day. That was my escape.”

**HARRY BROWN**   
Certificate 18

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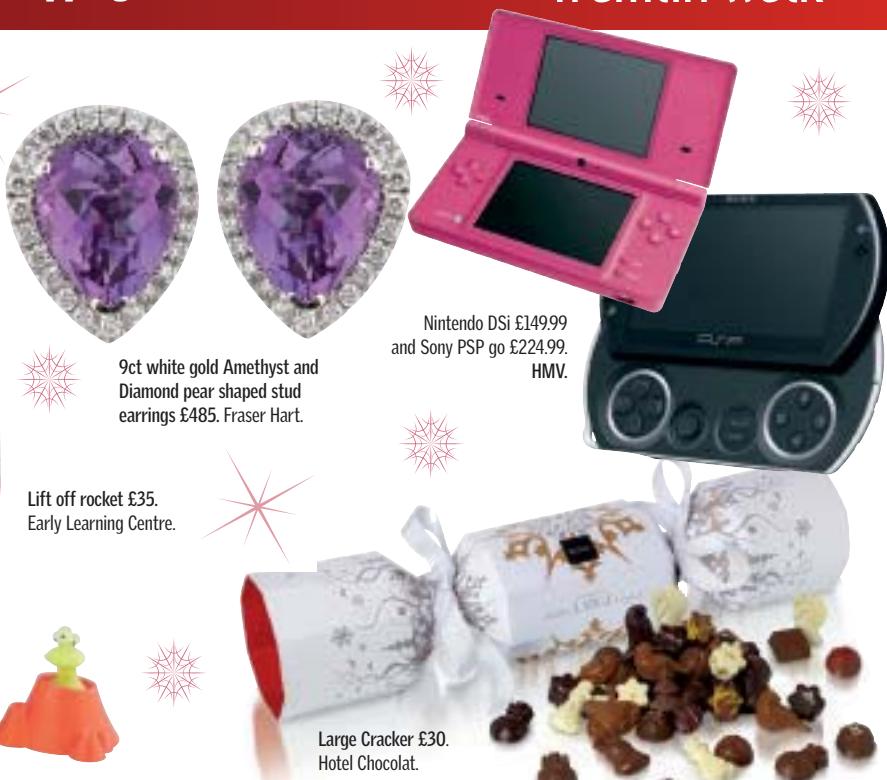
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# Walking in a





I can't wait to enjoy the festive events going on at Fremlin Walk this winter. I am looking forward to buying gifts from the Christmas markets, mingling with the panto stars from the Hazlitt's Snow White and Seven Dwarfs production and to the reindeer visits. Christmas time always means lots of events so I will be taking advantage of the late opening hours and fantastic shops to find the perfect party outfit and to buy any last minute presents.

**Jaine Rees, Fremlin Walk.**



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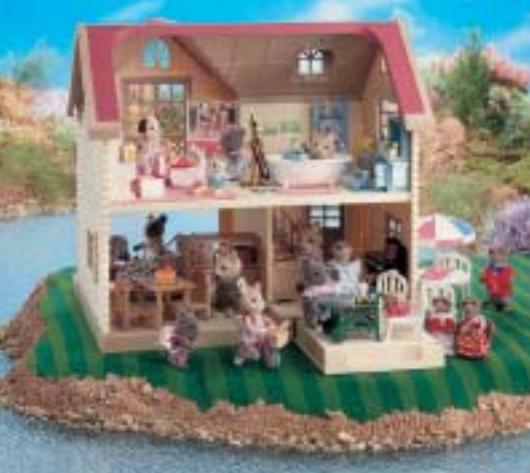
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Dec - 27 Dec). The Perfume Shop.



I am really looking forward to this Christmas we have a great new Grotto with little elves and the ever popular giving tree is back for it's fifth year. However, I have had lots of fun checking out all the great things here in the Mall for Christmas top of my list is the Morph Desk Buddy just £4.99 from Hawkins Bazaar.

**Suzie Brindle**, The Mall Chequers.



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# for Christmas



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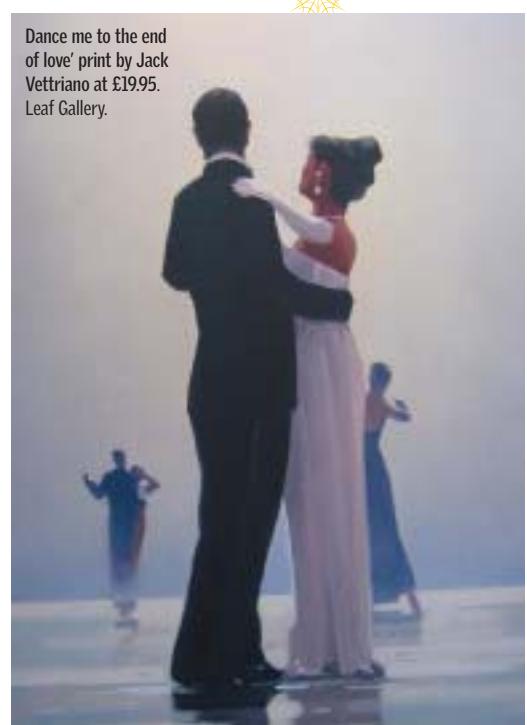
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nursing Mum to feel  
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lection cufflinks £45. Raffles.



Lady Heart Collection.  
Ring diamond weight 0.52ct.  
Necklace - 0.77ct. Kilburn's.



'Dance me to the end  
of love' print by Jack  
Vettriano at £19.95.  
Leaf Gallery.



I am really excited to be working with the Heart of Kent Hospice this Christmas. Teams from the worthwhile charity will be running the Royal Star Arcade's first ever Santa's Grotto – which is going to be great fun for the children and all the proceeds will go towards helping the hospice. I'm also looking forward to having live music and dancers in the centre every Saturday to keep our shoppers entertained while they are searching for the perfect gift. The Royal Star Arcade is ideal for people who want a stress-free Christmas shopping trip as we have lots of different independent stores all under one roof. **Lyne Perriam, Royal Star Arcade.**



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November 14 - 22nd December

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## Scalextric Fun

November 27 - 28

Join in the fun outside The Entertainer where there will be a large Scalextric track to try out those racing skills.



## Santa Arrives!

November 21

Grotto open. Being run by the Heart of Kent Hospice. All proceeds to HOKH. Post your letter to Santa. Music, dance. Festive fun.



## KCC Craft Fayre

December 3

10 - 3 pm. Great gifts for all the family, all under one roof.



## Festive Fun

December 19

Festive fun in the Arcade with magic, dance, music, mulled wine, mince pies, carol singers. Come and see the reindeers.



## Festive Italian Market

December 11 & 12, 9.30 - 5.30pm

Stalls filled with delicious Pannetone and other traditional Italian Christmas dishes line the Walk as the centre's popular continental market returns on Friday and Saturday. Father Christmas will also be visiting and entertaining younger guests.

## Christmas Market

December 17-20

Christmas market stalls selling crafts and delicious festive foods will fill the Walk. Father Christmas will also be visiting so don't forget your list!



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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

- THE APPRENTICE USA**  
BBC One, 11.20pm, 12.05pm,  
Monday
- JAMES MAY'S TOY STORIES**  
BBC Two, 9pm, Tuesday

MY fans (there a couple of you out there, right?) will remember earlier this year I wrote that David Dickinson's hair – that monster salt and pepper bouffant – should require a licence.

Well, compared with Donald Trump's strange 'do, David's looks positively normal.

Whatever it is on the billionaire's bone, I don't think it's natural.

Whether it's a weave, one hell of a comb over, a hair transplant or just a good old-fashioned rug, it's a miracle of modern engineering.

He'd be better off bald, for certain, but I guess having all that money can lead you to believe anything is possible.

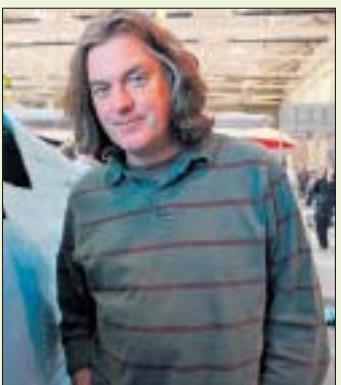
The style is available for inspection on *The Apprentice USA*, currently running on BBC One.

As a programme it's far too brutally edited and sensationalised to be credible, but this double-bill is trashy beyond belief and entertaining enough to keep me awake until late on Monday nights.

It's highly addictive and the candidates happily knife each other in the back to climb the greasy pole, with a spot working for the main man the prize.

Trump commands the screen whenever he is on, and his little 60-second segments of business advice such as "be a team player" are the most obvious statements ever made, yet they are drilled home as though he was the only one to ever have that thought before.

Rocking a silly haircut all of his



**A BIG KID:** James May returns to his childhood on a grand scale with his BBC Toy Stories show

own, James May is filling his *Top Gear* off-the-box time with his rather jolly effort, *James May's Toy Stories*.

In every hour-long episode the petrolhead grapples with a much-loved toy of yesteryear, such as Lego or Meccano, to produce something mega and odd.

In recent episodes he has built a garden made entirely out of Plasticine, which he exhibited at the Chelsea Flower Show, and a giant Airfix-style Spitfire with the help of children.

Despite their initial sneering at something that isn't an iPod or Nintendo DS, most of them looked like they'd never had so much fun.

What I like about May, much more than his *Top Gear* colleagues Clarkson and Hammond, is he's that little bit more laid back, whereas the other two just come across as trying too hard to impress.

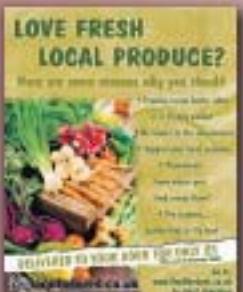
Bumbling around trying to convince people that the old toys were the best is a perfect fit for his persona and, at the risk of sounding like my dad, you may even learn something.

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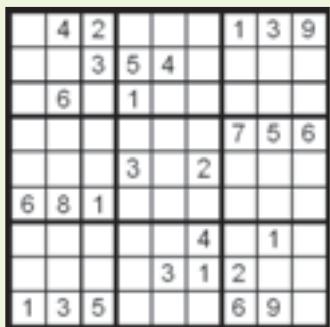
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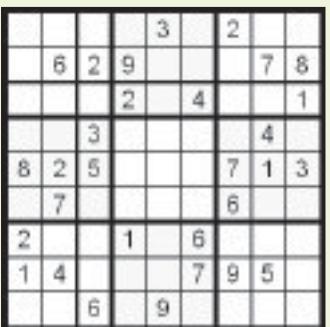
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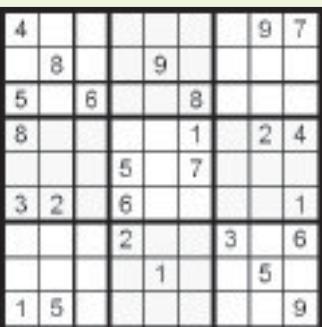
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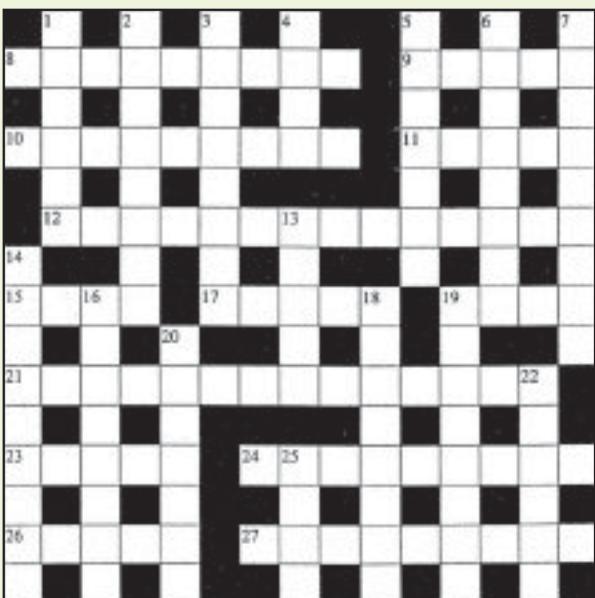
## ACROSS

8 Purge out being mostly innocent inside old entrance (9)  
 9 Extreme characters going by the water that's blue (5)  
 10 Formerly simultaneously (2,3,4)  
 11 Man said to assume a praying position (5)  
 12 Making the first attack after a spell, it's an attractive way of trying to get what one wants (5,9)  
 15 The man to get by (4)  
 17 It's liquid tending to flow (5)  
 19 Streak from vine (4)  
 21 Continental water? (9,5)  
 23 Savage hesitantly entered Cornish river (5)  
 24 Speed that could be injurious (9)  
 26 Hooded bird? (5)  
 27 Because of engineers entering new assault (2,1,6)

## DOWN

1 Was to do with the ear? That's outlandish (6)  
 2 Daughter inside hurried up in landing-place in a dilemma (8)  
 3 Urge race official with hourglass (3-5)  
 4 Team leader entered total of partly fermented wine (4)  
 5 Support gambling (7)  
 6 Young June with live performance (8)  
 7 Healthy state despite shocking binge after spring (9)  
 13 Most of money soldier had for mushrooms (5)  
 14 Start removing crossing-place in North London (9)  
 16 Bachelor having awful bother with loose garment (8)  
 18 Freeholders' money Ray changed (8)  
 19 Capitalists from Austria (8)  
 20 Plainer sort of chocolate (7)  
 22 Delightfully found one in North Carolina cathedral city (6)  
 25 Some citrus (kiwi) fruit in biscuit (4)

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## QUICK CLUES

## ACROSS

8 Shoulder-piece (9)  
 9 Brume (anag.) (5)  
 10 Physically big and strong (4-5)  
 11 Oscillate (5)  
 12 Prophesied (14)  
 15 Residence (4)  
 17 Electronic message (5)  
 19 Joke (4)  
 21 Of birds (14)  
 23 Prizefighter (5)  
 24 Foyer (9)  
 26 Raced (anag.) (5)  
 27 Subdue (9)

## DOWN

1 Maintenance (6)  
 2 Use a levelling machine (8)  
 3 Series (8)  
 4 And elsewhere (2,2)  
 5 Clump of grass (7)  
 6 Wormwood liqueur (8)  
 7 Stiff coldness (9)  
 13 Undersized (5)  
 14 Reversion (9)  
 16 Carbon \_\_\_ (8)  
 18 Bandage (8)  
 19 Foot and knee covering (8)  
 20 Cook rapidly in a pan (4-3)  
 22 Quietened (6)  
 25 Jealousy (4)

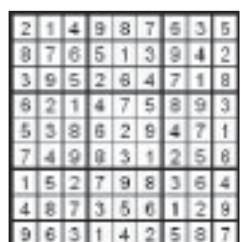
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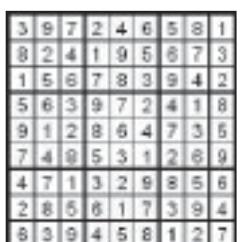
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## Ditch the diet for beer and chips

■ BY SHARRON LIVINGSTONE

IT'S fun to go off the beaten track sometimes, but if all you want is a brief, indulgent break, then the city of Bruges will release your inner lip-smacking, camera-swinging, beer-swilling, sight-seeing, chip-guzzling, chocoholic tourist.

Bruges is home to just 20,000 people, yet more than 3,000,000 tourists visit each year.

It may be the canals that flow beneath flower-decked, arched stone bridges, or the quaint cobbled streets. Whatever the reason, this ancient city – just a short hop across the Channel – exudes romance from every nook and cranny.

Once there, take a 20-minute canal boat trip for an orientation tour.

Alternatively, relax in one of the alfresco cafés on Market Square and enjoy the clip-clop of horses' hooves. If you have the energy, climb the tower's 366 steps to enjoy the views.

Nearby Burg Square has the city's most striking architecture. A Gothic town hall with lacy white stonework nestles next to the old Public Record Office, built in Renaissance style, and beyond it is the neo-classical former Court of Justice and the Gothic/Renaissance Steeghere, whose porched entrance leads to the Basilica of the Holy Blood.

If you crave culture, pop into the Groeninge art museum (12 Dijver). Inside is an impressive display of Flemish art from the 15th century onwards. The nearby Gruuthusemuseum (17 Dijver), a former medieval merchant's house, has an interesting collection of tapestries and musical instruments.

Beer-drinking is part of the social fabric of Belgian life and it would be churlish not to



**LOCAL FLAVOUR:** Enjoy a beer and the clip-clop of horses' hooves as you relax in elegant Market Square in Bruges

visit Bruges's last remaining brewery, De Halve Maan (at Walplein 26; [www.halvemaan.be](http://www.halvemaan.be)), where a 45-minute tour (5.5 euros) ends with a glass of the house beer.

You could also visit one of Bruges's most popular beer bars, Brugs Beertje (Kemelstraat 5; [www.brugsbeertje.be](http://www.brugsbeertje.be)). There are more than 300 beers, including sickly-sweet fruit beers and a selection from small Flemish breweries.

Leave room for the sublime Belgian chocolates. Within walking distance of the centre, there are a staggering 40 chocolateries with enticing shop windows choc-full of pralines, figurines, sweets and slabs.

Dumon (Simon Stevinklein 11 [www.chocolatiendumon.be](http://www.chocolatiendumon.be)) has a small café where you can enjoy a glass of hot chocolate, and the Chocolate Line, where chocolate is not only for eating and drinking... it's for inhaling, too.

There is a chip museum, but I would miss that in favour of the real things at a friterie. This is true Belgian street food, made with Mirabelle potatoes served in a carton, with wooden fork and a dollop of mayo or ketchup

You can get any type of cuisine in Bruges, but for a superb feast of Flemish food make a beeline for De Vlaamse Pot (the Flemish Pot) at Helmstraat 3-5. Plush red walls, ornate chairs, gold trimmings and chandeliers set the scene.

Cheese croquettes, asparagus in a sublime butter-and-egg sauce, and my personal favourite, waterzooi – a dish of white fish served in a creamy soup – are all on the menu.

A word of warning, though: Bruges is all about indulgence, so ditch the diet and prepare to dabble with debauchery, otherwise you'll feel you're missing out.

### FACT FILE: BRUGES, BELGIUM

**Time difference** +One hour (GMT)

**Language** Dutch (English widely spoken)

**Currency** Euro (approx £1 to £1)

**Religion** Catholic

**Population** 20,000

### Getting there

Bruges is just 90 minutes' drive, and 72 miles, from Calais.

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COTTAGES being built by Hillreed Homes in West Malling are being created in a traditional style.

Developers say they take owners 'back to basics' in terms of quiet lanes and attractive exteriors of different homes at the Kings Hill site.

Internally, they tick all the boxes for modern-day living, being eco-friendly properties with excellent insulation and low-cost maintenance.

Building is just commencing, with the first homes expected to be in the spring. Currently, there are opportunities to buy at 2009 prices.

The Hillreed Homes website, [www.hillreed.co.uk](http://www.hillreed.co.uk), has a full list of prices and images.

The price of a farmworker's cottage is £259,950. This is for a three-bedroom, semi-detached house with parking.

**'Property millionaires' hit by slump in market**

THE recent slump in the property market has had a marked effect on those who have made a fortune through owning homes.

Research from Zoopla.co.uk, the online property website, has revealed the extent to which property millionaires in the UK have suffered since the housing market peaked in autumn 2007.

According to the website, the number of million-pound properties in the UK has dwindled by more than a third since the downturn, despite the recent turnaround in property values.

Alex Chesterman, the founder and chief executive of Zoopla.co.uk, said: "The housing-market downturn has taken its toll on the exclusive property millionaires club, reducing the number of those who can claim membership from 283,168 in November 2007 to only 183,630 today."

# Broadband speed blow to rural homes demand

BROADBAND speeds can affect how desirable a property is, according to a recent study

A survey by ISPPreview.co.uk, a source of internet service provider information, has established that no matter how sought-after a property is, most people would not buy it if the best broadband speed it could achieve was just 1Mbps.

The survey, which questioned 721 people, also found that a little over half, 51 per cent, are willing to pay more for a house with faster broadband.

Almost two-thirds of those questioned said the minimum broadband speed they required would be "more than 4Mbps", with just one-fifth voting for 4Mbps itself and 10 per cent voting for 2Mbps, while just 6.6 per cent voted for 1Mbps.

**Emphasis**

ISPPreview.co.uk's editor and founder, Mark Jackson, said: "Consumers clearly place a significant emphasis on broadband performance, so much so that an overwhelming majority would even be willing to give up on an almost perfect dream home in favour of a cosmetically less attractive one that received faster speeds."

"The results could have profound implications because many slower homes are often found in remote and rural locations that reside further from their local telephone exchange, hinting at the potential for a greater exodus into towns and cities where speeds are higher and prices lower."

According to Mr Jackson, the findings of its survey "highlights the importance of being able to deliver speeds of more than double the current Government target, which is committed to delivering a minimum 2Mbps broadband speed to everybody by 2012. This may now simply end up being too little, too late."



**DEAL-BREAKER:** It may be your dream home, but if broadband speeds are slow, you could have a job selling your property

# Rise in prices 'likely to continue'

IN its latest survey of the housing market, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says that UK house prices are likely to keep on rising for the short term.

The news, which was released this month, is a welcome boost for the economy, which failed to emerge from recession in the third quarter.

Meanwhile, according to the institute, the balance of surveyors reporting price rises rather than falls rose to 34 per cent, up from 20 per cent the previous month, and the strongest survey result in favour of rising prices in almost three years.

House price indices from the Nationwide and the Halifax have both reported rising house prices, but the Halifax has cautioned that the momentum was unlikely to continue since more homes were being put up for sale and this would, in turn, result in a slowdown in the demand for homes.

Jeremy Leaf, of the RICS, said: "Although the supply of property is beginning to pick up, it is still insufficient to keep pace with the increase in demand, which points to further price gains in the near term."

"Cheap money remains a critical prop for the

market and this is being reflected in the continuing appetite for finance from first-time buyers, despite the large deposits still being demanded by lenders."

In the meantime, over the last three months completed sales have continued to rise steadily to an average of 19 per surveyor, representing a slight rise on the previous quarter.

In other recent news, the British Retail Consortium revealed that retail sales in October had surged by an annual rate of 3.8 per cent, further fuelling hopes that a recovery was gathering pace.



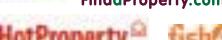
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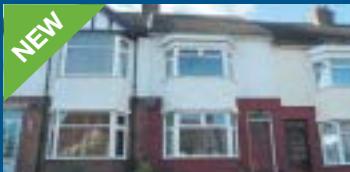
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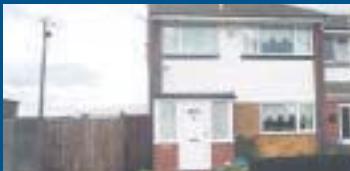
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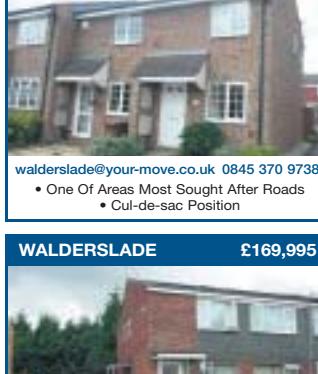
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**MATCH OF THE DAY!** Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5'12", a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

**YOU CAN'T Resist...** Fun loving intelligent lady, 39, blonde, attractive, GSOH, lots of energy, one daughter, now looking for that special man to share life with. Tonbridge. Box 459911

**WANNA RIDE WITH YOU** Curvaceous lady, 40, 5'10", long curly hair, into motorbikes! Single mum, seeks fun-loving bike fan for rides into the sunset. Eastbourne. Box 458787

**TOUGH BUT TENDER** Loving single mum, 40, likes clubbing but especially nights in with a scary film, seeking loyal, tough, tender man to share my life with. Whitstable. Box 461047

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**FLYING WITHOUT WINGS** Independent female, 32, 5'7", slim, likes dancing, days out and staying in, looking for a similar guy for companionship, maybe more. Thanet. Box 461429

**A FAIRYTALE ENDING!** Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5'10", short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

**HORSES FOR COURSES...** Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**HAPPY DAYS!** Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tonbridge Wells. Box 308734

**FEAST YOUR EYES ON...** Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possibly some long term relationship. Box 453039

**WHAT YOU SEE...** Young looking 36 year old, 5'4", brown eyes, slim, one daughter, hard working, very sincere and caring, genuine, GSOH, seeks similar male 33-43. Rochester. Box 460307

**STARRY NIGHTS** Hello I'm Sarah, single mum from Kent, brown hair enjoy swimming nights in/out looking for a caring man to share the best thing in life. Box 878378

**LIKE DRIVING IN MY CAR** Honest, caring woman, 36, 5'15", slim, blue eyes. I'm caring, honest, have four children. I enjoy drives, horse riding. Maidstone. Box 456159

**LOVE TO LOVE YOU** Lovely female, 36, 5'4", medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

**SEIZE THE DAY** Loving female, 36, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**MEND A BROKEN HEART** Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

**JUST ONE QUESTION...** A warm, generous, attractive and caring lady, 40, seeks soulmate who will love, respect and cherish her. What's taking you so long? Box 873458

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**LOVE IS ALL AROUND** Happy-go-lucky bubbly blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for a relationship. Bromley. Box 454517

**HELLO EVERYONE!** Single dog-owner, 42, fun-loving, kind and loyal, likes meals out, weekends away, country walks, WLTM a non-smoking guy to share it with. Seaford. Box 445635

**HAPPY TIMES ARE HERE TO  
STAY** Single mum, 42, 5'6", likes fun nights out, cinema, meals out, cuddles and kisses, looking for a fun-loving gent to share happy times with. Ashford. Box 459632

**DOS THIS SOUND LIKE YOU?** Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5'9", dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5'8"-5'9". Box 460999

**MY PRINCE?** Not-just-for-xmas dog lover, into sports, walks, motorbikes, GSoh, female, 47, pretty, long dark hair, looking for knight in shining armour! East Sussex area. Box 872961

**A REAL DIAMOND** African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury. Box 460951

**HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU** Audrey here, I live in Seaford, and WLTM caring man I'm fun loving, loyal, honest, adventurous, and love animals, cooking, music, film, country-side. Box 872159

**SHOW ME LOVE** Active sporty female, 43, enjoys the usual things in life, looking for someone genuine and honest, initially for friendship but then who knows? Tunbridge Wells. Box 868335

**ANOTHER CHAPTER** Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

**TALL ORDER** Curvy lady, 5'9", 43, blonde hair, green eyes. I live in Kent in Dear and I'm down-to-earth and like being out and about. Box 456202

**LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL** Good-looking Brunette from Kent, 43, 5'10", likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with GSoh for friendship/relationship. Box 467730

**ARE YOU LOVING AND  
CARING?** Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5'5", medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

**SWEET AS HONEY** Petite, slim, honey-blonde lady, 5'4", age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing. Looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

**BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER** Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952

**HOW YOU DOING?** Attractive, curly single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

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**CARING & PROFESSIONAL** Female 49, 5'14", long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 461830

**STARTING OVER** Divorced 45yr old curly woman, brown eyes/hair, likes swimming, animals, cinema, soaps, the beach, WLTM a honest, non-smoking man for friendship, maybe more. Ashford. Box 878141

**LOVE ME DO** Loving and caring lady, 63, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

**NOTHING VENTURED...** Hi there, I'm a Sussex based, 5'10" old woman, I love eating out, historical sites etc. Looking for kind gent for friendship, evenings out, maybe more. Box 459181

**CHARMING** Pretty, bubbling girl in her 60's in love romantic meals, gardens, and the arts looking for caring gentleman. East Sussex. Box 458169

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**FROM THIS MOMENT** Young-looking 46yr old female, 5'14", slim, NS, affectionate, loyal and caring, looking for a male, 40-45, NS, up to 5'7", to share life with. Ashford. Box 449712

**DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS &  
THE LOOKS?!** Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448863

**COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER,  
HOPEFULLY MORE** Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 45, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, likes cinema, animals, music, romantic pubs, seeking male for cuddles and hugs and more. Box 444873

**ALWAYS LOOKING ON THE  
BRIGHT SIDE** Intelligent woman of 55, gsoh, loves London, plays/shops, cinema, walking, the sea, travel, seeking a Kentish male companion of similar age to share this. Maidstone. Box 460816

**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS!** Smart petite lady, 56, 5'14", tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

**IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT  
COUNTS** Loving and caring male, 50+, 5'6", medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to be my love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

**DRIVE ALL NIGHT** Young minded male, 41, seeking a fun young-minded female for fun times and possible lasting relationship. Interests include sports, gym, eating out and week ends away. Canterbury. Box 460822

**WALKS ALONG THE COAST** Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking a nice guy with similar interests. Box 444862

**MAKING THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE** Intelligent woman of 55, gsoh, loves London, plays/shops, cinema, walking, the sea, travel, seeking a male who's a match for me with GSoh for relationship. Box 441626

**ONLY LOVE** Classy, intelligent, happy, slim, attractive fit and active lady, 60, gsoh, enjoys travel, gardening etc. Looking for that special friend to share life with. Box 883791

**THE GOOD THINGS IN LIFE** 59yr old young-at-heart, loving woman, I am hoping to meet a kindred spirit who loves animals, going for walks and the romantic side of life. Box 900143

**BRIGHTENING UP** Cuddly lady, 61, 5'5", blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more, WLTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others life. Box 870214

**WHY KEEP LOOKING?** Looking for a bit of fun as well as a relationship? I'm 51, size 12, female, 49, looking for a kind and affectionate man. Rochester. Box 460688

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**NOTHING VENTURED...** Hi there, I'm a 5'10" old woman, I love eating out, dining in/out, cinema, eating out, cosy nights, seeks someone special and fun-loving. Box 450507

**SENTIMENTAL ROMANTIC** Hi I'm Kevin, 43, kind and down-to-earth, 5'10", short hair, piercings, young looking, smart, love family and socialising, seeking lady for quiet nights in. Box 452104

**TABLE FOR TWO** Honest sincere female, 64, attractive, likes animals, walks, socialising, very GSoh, seeks male for friendship, a meal, and maybe more! Hastings. Box 461546

**WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM  
YOU** Kent gent, 43, (m)divorced (2) kids, looking for a child friendly woman. I'm patient, loyal, genuine and honest. I enjoy music, films, outings. Box 461822

**STANDING ON OUR OWN FEET** Hi there, 43 year old outgoing male, 6ft, with brown hair/blue eyes, sincere, caring, generous & thoughtful. OHAC seeking caring female for loving relationship... Kent. Box 884870

**LIKE THE SOUND OF ME?** Bubble-soft male, 44, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", medium build, likes holidays abroad, theatre, cooking, music, chilling out, beach walks! Seeks similar for love... Ashford. Box 461618

**ATTRACTIVE, BUBBLY LADY** 52yrs, 5'6", blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly more. Box 451904

**VOLUPTOUS LADY** Curvy lady, 57, very loving and graceful, enjoys the beach, music, walking, theatre, and reading, looking for a lady 50-70. Box 458935

**SILVER SERVICE!** Caring, understanding, not bad-looking, romantic male, 42, grey/silver hair, stocky, enjoys cooking, quiet nights in, seeks female, for romance, possibly more. Box 157769

**LONG-TERM Caring,** romantic, loyal guy, 45, 5'11", slim/medium build, brown hair and blue eyes, gsoh, WLTM lady/single mum 25-40, slim/medium build. Hastings. Box 451334

**COSY AND QUIET** Single male, 45, 5'9", brown, non-smoker, homely, likes the usual things, seeking a nice, non-smoking, quiet lady, 45-55. Eastbourne. Box 461818

**TAKE ME ON** Blue eyed male, 45, 6ft, medium build, looks like you're from Africa, music bars and trying to get into it. Canterbury. Box 866753

**OFFER ME YOUR LOVE** Easygoing male, 45, 5'9", medium build, looks like you're from Africa, music bars and trying to get into it. Canterbury. Box 866753

**THAT VERY SPECIAL  
SOMEONE** Very nervous male, 55, 5'11", nice medium build, brown eyes, likes history, country walks, music, meals, seeks romantic, maybe more. Box 875799

**FIT THE SEEDS** Honest and loyal, 53, 5'10", grey hair, tall, friendly, non-smoker, from South Africa, now living in Kent. Looking for a lovely lady for friendship, maybe more. Box 461674

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**FIT THE BILL** Old romantic, 55, non-smoker, likes watching football, driving, holidays and romance! looking for a female 45+ who wants to have the good old days back! Box 452051

**THE SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE** Divorced sporty guy, 56, 5'11", slim, modern dresser, own house, easy-going, likes football, looking for a female for love. Box 878848

**GOOD COMPANIONSHIP** Passionate guy, 57, easygoing, likes going to the gym, looking for a fun woman for snuggles and cuddles. Box 461612

**THE GOOD LIFE** Professional male, 48, 5'6", brown hair, green/blue eyes, 5'8", likes snuggles, cuddles and more. Get in touch! Box 460043

**THE LIFE OF BRIAN...** Hi there I'm Brian! 58, down-to-earth, no ties, looking for someone kind, friendly, looks unimportant but personally a must. Box 449709

**TAKE MY HAND** Genuine, honest man, 47, likes going out, walking, looking to share the good life with a woman. Tessa! please leave contact details. Box 443795

**HE'S MIGHTY FINE!** Virgo male, 40, 5'7", likes calypso, limbo dancing, fine guy, enjoys the cinema, meals out, walks on beaches, WLTM like-minded person to be my girl. Box 446202

**MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY** Hi I'm Carl, 40, GSoh, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laughs, days out and much more. Box 436696

**EVERYBODY'S FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT** Exotic mixed race male, 42, 5'10", likes calypso, limbo dancing, seeks irresistible female from Swale, Medway for romantic sunsets. Box 866877

**HIYA** I'm a cute and laid-back guy, 41, 5'8", short hair, athletic, very tactile, loving and spontaneous, likes shopping, travelling, eating in/out, hate football! Brighton. Box 450614

**YOUNG AT HEART** Sincere genuine man, 47, looks younger, 5ft6, cropped hair, blue eyes, single, likes cycling nights in/out, sees younger female for fun, friendship. Margate. Box 867087

**OUT THERE** 51yr old chap, I run my own business and enjoys meals in/out, seeing shows, walks and cuddles. WLTM lovely lady to spend time with. Kent. Box 451629

**FANCY A DRINK?** I love the beach, drinks up, dining in/out, WLTM an easygoing gent, 51, 5'8", slim, enjoys holidays, music, pubs, eating in/out. Box 451822

**MAKING A DATE** Fun male 5'8", brown eyes, white hair, looking for an easy-going lady, likes going out, cinema and a meal, and meals out... hoping to meet a nice guy for fun. Box 452631

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING** MORE young looking 50 yr old, fairly shy, non-smoker, loves travel, walking and meals out... hoping to meet a nice guy for fun. Box 452631

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Peugeot's niche buster to take on the Qashqai

PEUGEOT'S new 3008 crossover has arrived to attack Nissan's highly successful Qashqai.

The French 'niche buster' blends MPV, SUV and family hatch styling and load-carrying versatility.

There is no actual 4x4 option for now, but a hybrid with electric motors powering the rear wheels is due later and there is a cost-effective £450 Grip Control option for now. This mimics the powers of a modest 4x4 or 'soft roader'.

Prices range from £15,995-21,895.



### Renault proudly unleash their ultimate Mégane

SPORTING sub-brand Renaultsport has created the ultimate performance Mégane – at least for now.

The Mégane Renaultsport 250 has a 2.0-litre turbocharged engine and choice of two chassis: standard Sport and Cup, the latter featuring a limited slip differential.

The newcomer echoes the Mégane Coupé's sleek lines, but gains extended wheel arches for 18 or 19-inch wheels and a front bumper with wide air intake and F1-type aerodynamic blade.

Prices start at £21,995.



### Superb extra capacity and luxury from Skoda

SKODA launches its most luxurious estate car in January – a version of the affordable Superb executive saloon/hatch.

The Czech marque says it has a class-leading load capacity of 1,865 litres – and a choice of three petrol and three diesel engines.

Buyers can also opt for a VW group twin-clutch gearbox – the auto that can be driven as a manual – with similar or better fuel economy. An electronically operated boot opening and panoramic sunroof are further options.



**SMALL WONDER:** Toyota's new IQ3 delivers more acceleration and power than the entry level IQ, but is £2,000 dearer and has higher CO2 emissions meaning £35 road tax a year

## Toyota challenges your IQ

HAS Toyota been just too clever by launching its IQ3 city car with a 'big' engine?

It certainly doesn't add up at first: the IQ3 (from £11,615) is £2,000 dearer than the 1.0-litre IQ entry model, higher CO2 emissions (113g/km) mean losing road tax exemption and paying £35 a year and it averages 5.6mpg less than the smaller engine.

But would-be buyers must use their own IQ here: in three-cylinder 1.0 form, the IQ is a real city car, though you could drive longer distances occasionally, especially as the wide track and spacious front cabin make it feel like a larger vehicle.

But the four-cylinder 1.3 engine delivers more acceleration and, crucially, more cruising power and refinement than the 'three-pot' as I found when road testing a car from Motorline Toyota at Canterbury.

This makes the IQ3 great for commuting into London or across Kent as well as town driving and a better all-rounder and potentially someone's only car, where as the original might be stretched to be more than a second car.

The IQ3 also suits an automatic 'box, which

### ROAD TEST

#### TOYOTA IQ<sup>3</sup>

■ BY STEVE LOADER

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

fits the ethos of a small city runabout; auto changes in the original IQ feel more frantic.

Overall IQ attributes are impressive: it is just 30cms longer than the rival Smart ForTwo yet gains two seats.

However, the seat behind the driver is virtually useless. The front passenger seat is staggered close to the dashboard though, so an adult can sit behind – just.

So we have a 3+1-seat car rather than a full four-seater and the '+1' is really the boot as there is barely any space behind the rear seat-belts.

Nevertheless, the IQ shows masterly packing and its low stance and wider track, largely overcomes pitching expected from such a short wheelbase car. The IQ drives and handles well for its size too.

Interior quality and trimming is superb, but could be funkier to attack the Smart.

On the other hand, this is the 'Lexus' of city cars and comes with no less than nine airbags – it may be small, but it is very safe.

Nevertheless, Motorline admits the 'Lexus' price tag can make some buyers turn to the Japanese brand's slightly bigger yet cheaper full four-seat Aygo.



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In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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1. Advertisements will be accepted only on the express condition that the advertiser warrants that the advertisement does not in any way contravene any existing legislation and in particular the Trade and Description Act 1968 and the Consumer Credit Act 1974.

2. It is the responsibility of all advertisers to ensure that all advertising meets all forms of government legislation and KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd (the 'media owner') takes no responsibility in liability in relation to the content of our media.

3. All rates quoted are subject to VAT at the rate currently in force at the time the advertisement appears.

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11. No liability is accepted for any loss or damage alleged to have arisen through delay in forwarding replies to Box numbers, however caused, nor for the loss or damage to any artwork supplied.

12. Payment by bank transfer, in your media messages with KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd must be made in writing to the accounts department within 10 days of Publishing.

13. KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions made on their websites by the advertiser.

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16. A minimum of one month's notice must be given in writing for any cancellation of the signed annual advertiser's agreement. Upon cancellation, all discounts from KOS Media (standard effective date) advertising placed prior to 20th June 2009 will be recalculated and accounted for in line with KOS Media standard media rates current (effective July 2008-June 2009) and will reflect the revised length of commitment denoted by the advertiser's written cancellation. Any surcharges, refunds or costs in relation to the production of the advertiser's TV commercial for the commitment set out within the advertiser's agreement will be met in full by the advertiser as per KOS Media's standard media advertising rate card (July 2008-June 2009). Discounts will be recalculated and any refunds or surcharges will be paid by either party within 30 days of the cancellation. Any cancellation of an insertion placed must give a minimum of seven days' notice and any discounts given for series bookings will be forfeited by the advertiser upon cancellation.

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18. All uplift advertisements must be booked in at least three months in advance of publication and will be subject to availability. All dates booked will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

19. The advertiser must agree to the date and time of filming of any online TV advertising/commercial supplied by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd within the advertiser's agreement. (Platinum, Gold, Silver standard of commercial). Should, for any reason, the advertiser not be available at the agreed time without giving sufficient notice (at least 48 hours), KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd reserves the right to charge for any further TV production at its standard published hourly rate should the advertiser wish to use KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd's production services company. TV commercial cancellation in any circumstances will be at the advertiser's agreement. The advertiser will approve and accept that there are only two choices of voice-over and music offered by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd. Should an advertiser wish to use other voice-overs or non-copyright free music, it is the responsibility of the advertiser to pay the PRS rights should they be required to do so. Any changes to or failure to approve the TV production by the deadlines agreed between both parties will result in KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd being given permission by the media owner to replace the TV commercial with a different one from a choice of photography offered by the media owner until the advertiser can supply a TV commercial produced at their own cost and risk outside of this agreement. The advertiser also accepts and agrees that this action would not reduce the value or cost of their membership. Any cost of changes required to the TV commercial throughout the advertiser's agreement will be borne by the advertiser outside of this agreement.

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b. In the event that payment is not received by KOS Media (Publishing) Ltd or RBS Factoring by the due date, the media owner shall be entitled to suspend all further advertising until payment is received and/or repudiate the contract and make any surcharges for breaking the contract.

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All terms and conditions stated above are in place to protect the advertiser, the media owner and the communities they serve within the public domain as well as the beneficial rights of individuals and organisations. KOS Media will endeavour to always act reasonably in applying its terms and conditions.

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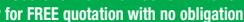
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ICE COOL: Peter Vaisanen scored twice

**RUGBY**

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WINNER: Glen Wadsworth's drop goal won a tight game for Medway against East Grinstead

**Medway battle to a narrow victory****Medway 13 East Grinstead 10**

MEDWAY continue to impress in London 3 South East after claiming another scalp on Saturday to end East Grinstead's winning streak.

A week after becoming the first side to take points from Charlton Park, Taff Gwilliam's side battled to a narrow victory to halt the in-form visitors and move joint third in the table.

Medway were forced to play into a strong headwind in the first half and their opponents used it to their advantage, penning the hosts into their own 22.

East Grinstead took the lead with a penalty but were frustrated by some clever tactics from Medway, who attempted to hang on to possession for as long as possible. It worked until the half hour mark, when an error led to a turnover which saw the visitors score a converted try to go in 10-0 up at the break.

With the elements in their favour after the break, Medway came roaring back. A Glen Wadsworth penalty reduced the arrears almost immediately before East Grinstead adopted the same tactics as their opponents, by seeking to deny them possession at every opportunity.

A mistake again proved the difference as Medway counter-attacked quickly and the ball worked its way out to Rob Ellis, who drew the last tackle before offloading to Matt Wadham to score under the posts. Wadsworth converted to level the scores.

The decisive score came six minutes from time, when Wadsworth scored a drop goal to seal the points.

Medway have a break before visiting unbeaten leaders Heathfield & Waldron on November 28.

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# Mos thunder home to claim another easy win

**ICE HOCKEY****Milton Keynes Thunder 1****Invicta Dynamos 8**

NOLAN Boike made an instant impact on his Invicta Dynamos debut, scoring twice to set up a comfortable victory on the road.

The result fell just short of the 10-0 thrashing dished out by the Mos a week earlier, but it was more than enough to keep Kevin Parrish's side top of the National League South.

The game saw the return of Ryan Giles but Boike grabbed the attention with an encouraging display. The highly-rated American forward signed as the club's second import player last week following Johan Stenvall's departure and took just 18 minutes to open his account.

The game had been evenly contested up to

that point, but Boike ensured the visitors went in at the first break 1-0 up with a neat finish.

Milton Keynes remained difficult to break down in the second period. Laurence Billing made it 2-0 three minutes after the resumption, before the game settled down again, with neither side giving much away.

Boike's second of the night made it 3-0 going into the final period, when the Mos were finally able to take control of the game.

Nicky Lewis and Andy Smith scored in the first 90 seconds after the break to put the result beyond doubt, despite a consolation from the home side.

Peter Vaisanen maintained his impressive goalscoring form with goals either side of Smith's second to add gloss to the scoreline.

This weekend the Mos have a double header road trip, visiting Peterborough on Saturday and Haringey on Sunday.



BATTLE: Matt Solly (in red) scraps in midfield during Chatham's sorry defeat to Corinthian Casuals on Saturday, which came days after a thrilling cup win against Cray Wanderers

# Inconsistent Chats casually give away three home points

**FOOTBALL**

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Chatham Town 1****Corinthian-Casuals 3**

O'Brien's biggest irritation since taking over this summer and once more he was left bemused by a flat performance.

"It was the old Chatham Town again," he said. "Playing bigger clubs we are able to raise our game but then we come up against a smaller one and go back into our comfort zone, you can't afford to do that."

"We had chances but at the minute we are a side where if we score first we do well, but if we fall behind we're just chasing our tails. We haven't learned how to deal with that. It's just annoying because we get ourselves into a good position and then go out and play like that."

Maidstone Road is a challenging surface at the best of times but it was made all the more difficult by the foul weather on Saturday.

What fluency there was in the first half came from the hosts, who opened up their opponents on several occasions.

Brendon Cass came the closest with an effort which cannoned back off the upright, before missing another good chance altogether. Richard Avery also had a shot well saved, while Byron Walker could not put the finishing touch to two good runs.

The Chats got away with missing several

**Chatham starting XI**

Subs used: Ascheri (Walker 65), Barnett (Scott 80)

gilt-edged opportunities against Cray, but they were not as lucky on Saturday. Corinthian took their chances well but O'Brien was unhappy with the defending for their first two goals – a free header and a long range effort which was not closed down.

With Chatham committing more men forward they were stung on the counter-attack for the third goal, before Hall finished off a goal-mouth scramble late on.

The Chats, who visit Andy Sinton's Fleet Town on Saturday, were in action at Whyteleafe last night, log on to www.yourmedway.co.uk for the details.

CHATHAM Town's Jekyll and Hyde season continued as they meekly handed over three points to Corinthian-Casuals just days after pulling off a cup upset.

David Hall's late goal did nothing to mask a poor display on Saturday as the Chats missed chances up front and gave away sloppy goals at the back. Frustratingly for the home faithful it came four days after a superb 2-0 League Cup win against Ryman Premier side Cray Wanderers.

Inconsistency has been Town boss Alex

Picture ADRIAN LINE

# Tumbler of Brandy puts wind up Oldham

## FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

**Gillingham 1**

Weston pen 60

**Oldham Athletic 0**

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson was delighted with the way his side applied themselves in a hard-fought victory against Oldham in difficult conditions on Saturday.

The game was played in high winds which made it difficult for both sides, but the Gills did enough to take maximum points thanks to Curtis Weston's second half penalty.

Stimson was particularly pleased to win despite missing suspended captain Barry Fuller and top scorer Simeon Jackson, who was away on international duty with Canada, plus long-term injury duo Simon King and Danny Jackman.

He said: "They are four players who would be in our team every single week so it was a big task because we know Oldham are decent away from home and they're not shy about putting their foot in and making it a physical battle. We had to stand up to that and I thought we did well."

"The circumstances can be a bit of a lottery but to be fair to us we played well, created a couple of good chances and could have maybe nicked another goal."

The wind was so severe it worked an adver-



**LIVEWIRE:** Febian Brandy was a constant menace to the Oldham defence on Saturday and played a key role in the only goal, winning a penalty which Curtis Weston converted

tising hoarding on the roof of the Gordon Road Stand loose. Kick-off was delayed while the fire brigade made it secure, but when play got underway both sides opted for cautious 4-5-1 formations.

As in his debut a week earlier Febian Brandy was impressive and quickly worried

### Gillingham City starting XI



Subs used: Oli (Lewis 83)

the Oldham back four with his pace. The striker, on loan from Manchester United, had the first clear chance on 25 minutes, but his close range shot was well blocked.

Weston came closer nine minutes before the break when his delicate curling effort from 20 yards hit the crossbar.

Playing into the wind in the second half, the Gills won a penalty on the hour. Kevin Maher's clever pass found Brandy in the penalty area and the striker tumbled theatrically under pressure from Sean Gregan. After a lengthy delay Weston converted for his sixth goal of the season.

Andy Barcham almost doubled the lead minutes later but his 20-yard effort was brilliantly tipped on to the crossbar by Darryl Flahavan.

Gillingham ran the clock down maturely, much to the visitors' frustration as they picked up a string of bookings. It could have been worse as Weston burst through four minutes from time, only to be brought down by Reuben Hazell. The home crowd demanded a straight red card, but the referee opted for a booking.

The victory lifted the Gills up to 15th in League One ahead of Saturday's visit to Bristol Rovers.



## TEAM TALK

with Gills skipper  
**BARRY FULLER**

## Fear the weather and you'll have a stinker

WHEN the weather is as bad as it was on Saturday often the result can be decided by whoever fancies it the most.

If you get sidetracked thinking about the wind and rain then you'll play badly, but I thought everyone stood up well to the challenge.

It was the sort of game I love to be involved in but unfortunately I had to sit in the stands to serve a suspension. I hate watching games like that, being in the changing room beforehand you just want to get out there and get stuck in.

The most important thing was the result because we really needed the three points to stay clear of the bottom four. In conditions like that it's easy for the ball to be in the air all the time but at times we played some really good stuff and I think we deserved to win.

We caused them a lot of problems and at the other end they only had a couple of long range shots which we dealt with comfortably.

Febian Brandy was impressive again. As a defender you hate players running at you with pace and he took on both their centre-halves for 90 minutes. He chased everything down, didn't give them time to settle and was too quick when it mattered to draw the foul for the penalty.

The result showed the strength we've got in our squad now. Last year if we had four or five players missing we would've probably looked a lot weaker and maybe lost the game, but now we have players capable of coming in and holding their own.

This game and the win against Southend has restored our confidence and means we go to Bristol this weekend with high hopes of taking something from the game.



**OLD HEAD:** Kevin Maher helped grind out victory

we're getting close, the Southend game [a 1-0 defeat] we should have got something.

"It's always a tough game in Bristol but there's no reason why we can't take this into Saturday and look to get something."

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Gills boss Mark Stimson looks ahead to a critical run of league fixtures

## LEAGUE TABLES

### COCA-COLA LEAGUE TWO

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Leeds United	15	11	3	1	+21	36
2 Charlton Athletic	16	9	5	2	+13	32
3 Colchester United	16	8	5	3	+13	29
4 Milton Keynes Dons	16	9	2	5	+1	29
5 Norwich City	16	8	4	4	+10	28
6 Huddersfield Town	16	8	3	5	+19	27
7 Millwall	16	6	7	3	+10	25
8 Bristol Rovers	16	8	1	7	-2	25
9 Hartlepool United	16	6	5	5	+2	23
10 Walsall	16	6	5	5	+1	23
11 Swindon Town	15	5	7	3	-1	22
12 Yeovil Town	16	5	6	5	-1	21
13 Southend United	16	5	5	6	+1	20
14 Oldham Athletic	16	5	5	6	-3	20
<b>15 Gillingham</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>18</b>
16 Brentford	16	4	6	6	-5	18
17 Exeter City	16	4	6	6	-6	18
18 Carlisle United	16	4	5	7	-4	17
19 Brighton & Hove Albion	16	4	5	7	-7	17
20 Leyton Orient	16	4	4	8	-12	16
21 Stockport County	16	3	5	8	-13	14
22 Southampton (10)	16	5	7	4	+5	12
23 Tranmere Rovers	16	3	1	12	-23	10
24 Wycombe Wanderers	16	1	5	10	-16	8

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH (TOP HALF)

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Worthing	15	11	0	4	+16	33
2 Folkestone Invicta	13	9	3	1	+11	30
3 Godalming Town	13	8	2	3	+10	26
4 Walton & Hersham	13	7	3	3	+8	24
<b>5 Chatham Town</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>
6 Fleet Town	13	7	2	4	+10	23
7 Merstham	14	7	2	5	+2	23
8 Croydon Athletic	12	6	4	2	+18	22
9 Corinthian-Casuals	15	6	3	6	+1	21
10 Metropolitan Police	15	4	7	4	+6	19
11 Sittingbourne	12	5	4	3	+4	19

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Faversham Town	11	10	1	0	+24	31
2 Erith & Belvedere	10	7	0	3	+5	21
3 Beckenham Town	10	6	1	3	+11	19
4 Herne Bay	10	6	1	3	+5	19
5 Sevenoaks Town	11	5	3	3	+4	18
6 Dartford	10	4	3	3	+2	15
7 Greenwich Borough	10	4	3	3	+2	15
8 Sporting Bognor United	10	4	1	5	-10	13
9 Tonbridge Wells	10	2	2	2	+1	12
10 Hythe Town	7	3	2	2	+11	11
11 Shepway	13	3	2	8	-11	11
12 Norton Sports	10	3	1	6	-5	10
13 Holmesdale	11	3	1	7	-7	10
14 Deal Town	9	2	3	4	-11	9
15 Corinthian	7	0	3	4	-11	3
<b>16 Lordswood</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>3</b>

**FIXTURES** (Saturday): Coca-Cola League One: Bristol Rovers v Gillingham; Ryman division One South: Fleet Town v Chatham Town; Kent League Premier Division: Lordswood v Deal Town



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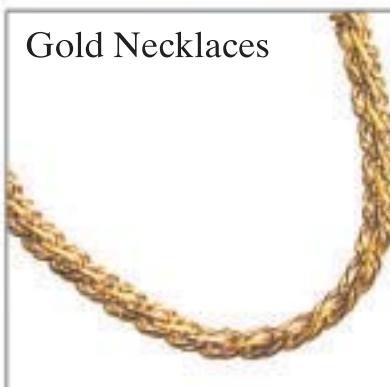
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